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9 inmates injured when van topples

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Utah Highway Patrol officers examine the scene of one car rollover on I-15 on Thursday around 10 a.m. The vehicle was transferring inmates to the prison near the Point of the Mountain.

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On Thursday at 9:10 a.m., a Utah Corrections facility van carrying nine inmates rolled over on I-15 near American Fork.

The van, southbound toward Beaver, Beaver County, was transferring prisoners from its Bluffdale facilities, said Wade Breur, investigating officer for the Utah Highway Patrol of Orem.

All of the prisoners sustained injuries ranging from minor to critical, he said.

"No prisoners tried to escape in any way and at no time was the public put at risk," he said.

The driver temporarily looked away and when he looked back, he saw the vehicle had drifted into the median and over corrected, causing the van to roll over several times, ejecting four of the passengers, he said.

Only the driver was wearing a seatbelt, Breur said.

Eleven people were involved in the accident, including two officers.

One of the officers was ejected and remains in critical condition. He was air lifted to the University of Utah Medical Center, Breur said.

Three seriously injured prisoners were first taken to American Fork and Timpanogos hospitals before being air lifted to the LDS Trauma Center and the Utah Medical Center, said Sgt. Doug McCleve, spokesman for the Public Safety Department.

Lt. Kenneth Peay of the Utah Highway Patrol said speed and unusual road conditions were not factors in the accident.

Following the accident, local emergency teams responded to the call within minutes, Breur said.

Witnesses reported the accident to officials via cell phones, he said.

I-15 Southbound was closed at the American Fork exit and northbound at the 500 East exit. The freeway was closed until 11 a.m. as officers cleared and surveyed the scene.

Florida court goes down to wire

Justices ask both sides hard-nosed questions

Associated Press

Desperately short on time, Al Gore's lawyer pleaded with the Florida Supreme Court on Thursday to order vote recounts and revive his faltering presidential quest. Republican attorneys called George W. Bush the certified, rightful victor and said "not a single shred of evidence" suggests anybody was denied their vote.

Even as the seven justices mulled the vice president's fate, fellow Democrats said they were running low on patience. "This is coming to an end," said Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill. He said a Bush presidency "looks more and more" likely.

One month after a maddeningly inconclusive Election Day, the question of who will serve as America's 43rd president still echoes throughout the nation's legislative and judicial chambers. On Thursday alone, two state judges and one federal court considered complaints about absentee ballots, and GOP lawmakers in Florida braced for a special session Friday to give Bush the state's 25 electoral votes — in case the courts won't.

All this amid the pressure of a Tuesday deadline set out in the U.S. Constitution for states to appoint electors. If Florida's legislative and judicial branches

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AFP Photo

Democratic Presidential Campaign Chairman Bill Daley sits in the courtroom before the start of hearings in the Florida Supreme Court on Thursday. Gore lawyers pleaded with the court to order vote recounts.

Y students ready for election end

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The networks love it, it fills the front page of newspapers and it's the subject of every political cartoon, but the presidential election is getting stale to students and faculty on campus.

In the beginning was the hype, the never-ending election night and the days of suspense that followed. Teachers discussed it on their lunch break, opened class with the latest updates and found that students were genuinely interested.

Darren Hawkins, professor of international politics in the political science department, said he couldn't avoid talking about it in class. His introduction of the topic led to heated discussions about U.S. politics, a far cry from planned international subjects delineated on the syllabus.

"I was completely addicted from the moment things started getting sticky on election night," Hawkins said.

Because the discussion was eating up so much class time, Hawkins moved the dialogue to e-mail, which led to a network of debate through cyberspace.

As time ticked by and litigation after litigation was piled onto the judicial docket, the time put into it became too much for Hawkins, and interest began to wane.

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Teachers watch baby boom

Higher birthrate packs classrooms, tightens spending

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Welcome to Utah, the state where the baby boom never really ended.

It is here that the packed labor and delivery rooms of today mean the schools of tomorrow will be crammed to the gills.

Teachers complain that per pupil expenditures are low. Legislators counter by saying that education already takes up a larger than average proportion of the budget. It turns out that both sides are right.

"What we've got is a unique situation. With more children we pay a significant amount and still end up with the lowest in per pupil spending," said Rep. Lloyd Frandsen, R-South Jordan, chair of the House Education Standing Committee.

It works out this way because Utah's population is considerably younger than the average for the country.

The high rate of youngsters in the population has nothing to do with an influx from out of state, either. It's simply a matter of Utah's current residents managing to multiply fast.

Utah's birth rate is the highest in the nation. No other state comes close. According to U.S. Census Bureau statistics, between July 1998 and July 1999 Utah had a birth rate of 21.5 births per thousand people. The next closest state was Texas with 17.4 births per thousand people. The national average is a mere 14.5 births per thousand.

The Census Bureau isn't the only agency tracking the number of births in the state. The state

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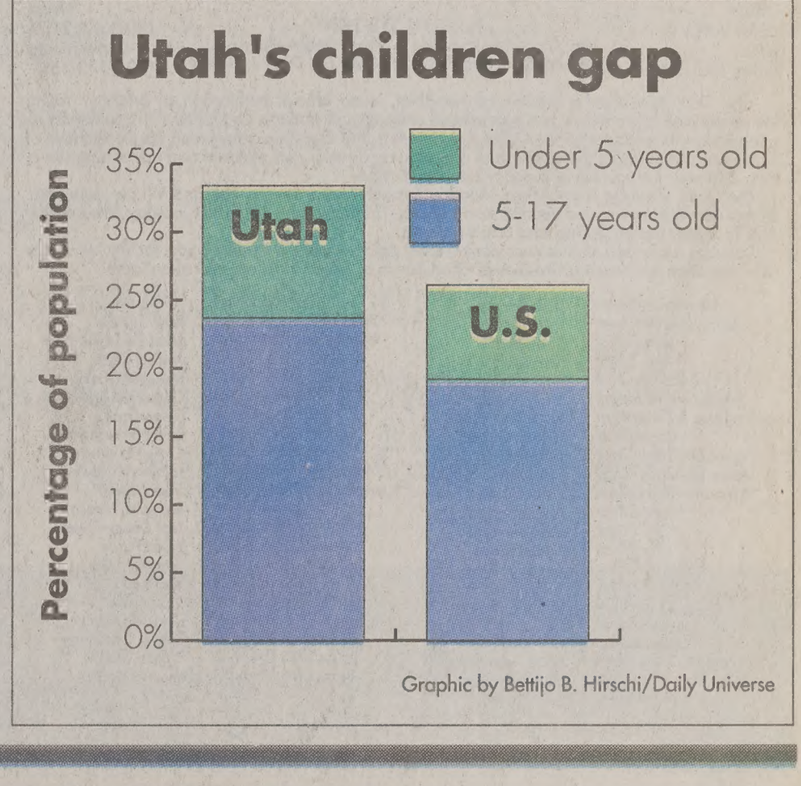

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NATION

inton creates AA division to mbat delays

ASHINGTON — Efforts to ernize the nation's air traf- ontrol system have not kept e with the demand for air el, President Clinton said sday in announcing a new anization to oversee the sys-

inton issued an executive er creating the Air Traffic anization within the Federal ation Administration. While step doesn't answer calls some in the airline industry rivatize the air traffic control em, it does move to make it rate more like a business. pid growth in air travel is ly racing ahead of the lim- f the FAA's aging infrastruc- Clinton said. Flight delays e increased by more than ercent in the last five years, cellations by 68 percent, he l.

e Air Traffic Organization be performance-based. a business, it will be led by hief operating officer, who be given financial incentives ase aviation gridlock. mission is to increase the ciency of a system that des the flights of 670 million lane passengers a year - a ber expected to top 1 bil- within a decade, according AA estimates.

—*Associated Press*

WORLD

ilipino leader ied for charges corruption

ANILA, Philippines — Prose- ors began the impeachment l of President Joseph Estrada Thursday, calling the political champion of poor Filipinos a f" who used kickback money finance a lavish lifestyle, uding mansions for several stresses.

ne of the prosecutors, Rep. er Arroyo, produced a check $3 million with a signature he said was a mirror copy of presidential signature on ilippine bank notes. He used Estrada of having hidden ets in a bank account under a e name.

We cannot have the country by a thief like this," he said. s the prosecutors displayed tures of the mansions and pared Estrada to famously avagant former dictator Ferdi- d Marcos, tens of thousands Filipinos marched and waved ns outside to demand the presi- t's ouster.

e protesters said they want rada removed even if he is uitted of the corruption allega- ns that have pitched this nation crisis and could severely test democracy. Estrada says he is ocent.

strada may have enough parti- n support to win acquittal. It uld take two-thirds of the 22 ators to convict the president any of the four charges — bery, corruption, violating the stitution and betraying the blic trust. Eight senators are wed as Estrada allies.

—*Associated Press*

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YU's eastside loses Saturday or construction

oad closures may cause extra ffic for students and Christmas ppers Saturday.

YU construction project coordi- tor Craig Lybbert said 450 East ll be closed from University rkway to 1430 North.

e said the road, west of the rriott Center, will be inaccessi- to traffic from 7 a.m. until 6 n.

he closure will allow for con- uction workers to tie utility lines t were cut through for the new seball/ softball complex.

— *Erin Kingrey*

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Federal education goals not being met

WASHINGTON — The federal government should test children yearly in math, science, reading or writing — and pay for much of it — a panel of lawmakers, educators and businesspeople said Thursday.

Two days after a study showed that U.S. students were just average compared with the rest of the world, the group urged the next administration to do what it takes to meet national education goals set 10 years ago.

"The way we are doing it now is not meeting our needs," said former Maine Gov. John R. McKernan, a one-time chair of the National Education Goals panel.

The only way states currently know how they match up against other states is through a voluntary national program that tests a sample of children roughly every two years in a given subject. But some results are based on data that's three years old when released.

Pope saves world in comic book style

VATICAN CITY — SHA-ZAM! ... or A-MEN!? Pope John Paul II has joined Captain Marvel and Spiderman in the legion of comic-book heroes.

Hitting newsstands in Italy this week, the new Vatican-approved serial depicts the real life and true adventures of "Karol Wojtyla: Pope of the Third Millennium."

"He really wasn't a geek!" series' narrator, Grandpa, assures children at the outset.

The Little Paper, an illustrated magazine for Italian young people by the publisher of the Roman Catholic Church periodical Famiglia Christiana, tells the story in four parts — opening with the pontiff's 1978 election, showing a massive, smiling John Paul looming over St. Peter's Square with white smoke rising behind him.

"Our commitment is rather grandiose, dear children: Telling the life of no one less than the pope," The Little Paper tells its readers in an introduction for the first installment.

Court: Cheney legally from Wyoming

NEW ORLEANS — Dick Cheney is a Wyoming resident and therefore would be constitutionally qualified to serve as George W. Bush's vice president, a federal appeals court ruled Thursday.

The ruling came from the bench after an hour-long hearing in which lawyers for three Texas residents argued that Cheney had moved to Bush's home state of Texas when he took a job there in 1993.

The 12th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution prevents the president and vice president from living in the same state.

The three-judge appellate panel took a short recess after the arguments, then Judge Patrick Higginbotham returned to say without elaboration that the panel was in agreement that Cheney clearly is a Wyoming resident.

Higginbotham was appointed by former President Reagan. The other two judges were appointed by former President Bush.

The plaintiffs were prepared to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court if the appeals court sides with a lower court judge, one of their lawyers said before the ruling.

$600 million solar wing set repaired

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Using just a hook and their gloved hands, two spacewalking astronauts tightened an overly slack solar wing on the international space station Thursday with surprising ease.

"All finished!" spacewalker Carlos Noriega exclaimed once both tension cables were back on their pulleys and reels within a matter of minutes.

It was a critical job: Because of the two slack cables, the blanket of electricity-producing solar cells on the right wing could have torn or the support rods could have bent or broken.

The $600 million set of solar wings, urgently needed at the previously power-poor space station Alpha, was installed by space shuttle Endeavour's two spacewalkers on Sunday. The right wing was extended in one fast release, causing its tension cables to pop off their pulleys and reels. The left wing was unfolded much more slowly, and was properly taut.

Weather

Yesterday		Today	Saturday
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Yesterday	0"	High 36	High 38
Month to date	0"	Low 28	Low 25
Year to date	16.38"		

sources: BYU Geography Dept., CNN

Scripture of the Day

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

— Philippians 4:13

Kristen Taufier, a freshman from Salt Lake City, majoring in communications said she likes this scripture because "it pretty much sums up everything. If you know this, you don't have anything to worry about."

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education department is also carefully following Utah's booming baby population.

Steve Laing, state superintendent of public instruction, said his office gathers birth statistics from health departments and counties throughout the state. After factoring in infant mortality, Laing's department figures 110,000 more children will be going to school in Utah 10 years from now.

That means the state will have to cough up an extra $220 million to $400 million per year just to keep up — and that doesn't even factor in the cost of new schools, Laing said.

A youthful population means there is plenty of educating to be done and limited funding to do it. Guarantees of increased funding were at the heart of Tuesday's teacher walkout.

This year education received a boost in funding from the Legislature, but future funds are necessary to ensure quality schools, said Utah Education Association president Phyllis Sorensen in a Nov. 30 news conference.

"Teachers are frustrated," Sorensen said. "Teachers have been waiting."

Sorensen said the UEA estimates the state will need 127 new schools and 4,000 new teachers in the next 10 years.

The union agreed to the walkout after the Legislature's education funding task force came up with $30.6 million of one-time money for textbook purchases and $10 million for a school building fund.

Frandsen, who chairs three House education committees, said the amount of money set aside by the task force was totally inadequate.

"They didn't know what the big picture was and didn't even bother to ask," Frandsen said. "That bothers me."

The amount set aside for the building fund was no more than a token donation, Frandsen said. The average elementary school costs $13 million to build.

Keeping pace with Utah's growth is going to require some sacrifices, Frandsen said.

"I don't think people should apologize that it will cost additional resources. You have to raise taxes to do this," Frandsen said. "We gave away $1 billion in tax cuts. We should have invested that in education."

Utah's public school teachers aren't the only ones hoping for increased funding. Utah's universities are in the same boat, for many of the same reasons.

A report by Shannon Dorich for marketwatch.com, a company that tracks American demographics, says that Utah will have the highest growth rate of college enrollment in the United States.

Statistics like these have prompted the state Board of Regents to adopt a master plan detailing how the state university system will cope with the growth.

> "You really can't substitute technology for bricks and mortar. You have to have both."
>
> — Cecelia Foxley, commissioner of higher education

Although part of the plan calls for using technology to increase distance learning, the university system still needs money for new buildings, said Cecelia Foxley, commissioner of higher education.

"You really can't substitute technology for bricks and mortar," Foxley said. "You have to have both."

Instead of building new colleges, the state has embarked on a plan to build branch campuses. A branch campus for Salt Lake Community College is nearing completion in South Jordan, and plans are being made for a Utah Valley State College branch campus in Provo City and a Weber State University branch campus in Davis County.

Foxley said administration of the branch campuses is assigned to schools that are in close proximity or that have historically been associated with the area. UVSC already offered classes in Heber City for several years. About 35 percent of Weber State students commute to Ogden from Davis County.

"You really have to do something so that everybody can't have to get on I-15 or 215 to drive," Foxley said.

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nally got tired of it. I had to on it, because I was spend- ay too much time," he said. ers echo the sentiment that ist getting old.

is Walker, 21, a junior from Vegas, majoring in philoso- said his philosophy teacher ncorporated the Florida sit- n into his class, but they want it to be over.

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ne students at BYU have dy picked their winner, he

veryone wants Bush to win use we live in the Provo le — it's who's ahead," er said.

ven the election gurus and political action committees on campus seem indifferent.

Neither College Democrats nor College Republicans have done anything since Election Day.

"We're not really doing anything because there is nothing we can do," said Brandon Minster, 22, a sophomore from Camarillo, Calif., majoring in geography and president of the College Republicans at BYU.

The people he has talked to are impatient and anxious for the whole thing to be finalized, Minster said.

The College Democrats focused the majority of their efforts on getting students out to vote on Election Day, said Jake Rugh, 23, a senior from Orem, majoring in economics and president of the College Democrats.

Rugh said by Election Day they were sick of it and burned out.

Despite the waning of interest in the election, it seems that BYU students have remained true to one thing — their conservative viewpoint.

Hawkins said he began the class political discussions by soliciting students' viewpoints, but got too emotionally involved when students seemed too biased.

"I became a bit dismayed at really narrow-minded students with a very bias analysis," he said.

Students in his class said the liberal media tried to throw the election to Gore and concluded that only Democrats tried to pull dirty tricks.

"I'm concerned that this seems to have reinforced the bias of the students. It has reinforced the Republicanness," Hawkins said.

Rugh agrees that students are one-sided and unwilling to look at both sides.

"I just want to ask one question, if the other side were in the same position as Gore, wouldn't they do the same thing?" he asked.

Hawkins said he understands that everyone has biases, but it is important to recognize them, something he did not see much of when his political discussions began.

"I believe there are two social goods with two different views, but some students see it as black and white," he said.

Overall, Hawkins said this has been a good experience for him and his students. He received several e-mails thanking him for the time he had taken to talk about the election. A few said their interest in politics has increased because of the experience.

Even Hawkins, whose specialty is in international politics, said he has gained an interest in U.S. politics.

"I think it's been a useful learning experience, although votes still don't matter that much here in Utah," he said.

Rugh said he thinks that if the student body had the opportunity to vote again, the voter turnout would be higher because of what has transpired.

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t agree on a presidential slate e Electoral College meeting 18, a divided Congress d inherit the morass.

me is getting very short," lawyer David Boies told ida's high court. The seven ces, all with Democratic ties, essively quizzed both sides seemed skeptical about their authority to intervene.

e U.S. Supreme Court earlier week set aside a Florida high t ruling allowing some late recounts of ballots, sending case back for clarification. stened justices wondered out whether the U.S. stitution gives the Florida slature — rather than the t — power to settle the pres- tial dispute.

en before Boies had a chance egin his opening remarks, f Justice Charles T. Wells rupted to ask, "Where do we our right" to resolve this kind of presidential impasse?

"I don't think the Constitution of the United States in any way means that the legislature has to sit both as a legislative body and a judicial body just because an election of presidential electors is involved," Boies replied.

A half-hour later, Wells asked the same question of Bush lawyer Barry Richard, who said the high court can review the case in a "very limited fashion."

"This is nothing more than a garden variety appeal," Richard said.

From a political standpoint, the remark was a breathtaking display of understatement.

Gore wants the justices to do nothing less than overturn the official results of Florida's election, which show Bush the victor by 537 votes out of 6 million cast. A trial court judge has already refused to order recounts in Democratic-leaning counties, prompting the appeal.

Two other judges in the state capital weighed Democratic requests to throw out thousands of absentee votes, a move that could also tip the balance to Gore. Republicans made clear that they were ready to appeal any unfavorable ruling, possibly returning to a federal appeals court in Atlanta.

"We have always had to prepare for every contingency ... we are prepared to file appeals and briefs," Richard said late Thursday on CNN.

Gore narrowly won the national popular vote, but the White House goes to whomever earns Florida's dividends and tops 270 state electoral votes.

While the state justices weighed the case, the boxes of more than 10,000 disputed ballots that Gore wants counted were shipped to the high court as evidence — a routine transfer from the trial court.

In Washington, Gore invited running mate Joseph Lieberman to the vice president's mansion to watch the historic arguments on TV. Later, Gore and Lieberman took their wives to a movie aptly titled, "You can count on me." His campaign chairman, William Daley, flew to Florida to thank Gore's lawyers, their job nearly done.

In Austin, Texas, Bush arrived for work at his governor's office just as the arguments began. He didn't watch the proceedings, though he was briefed afterward by James A. Baker III, his point man in Florida.

"We'll see what happens," Bush told reporters.

His advisers were keeping an eye on the Florida Legislature, but denied any involvement in the special session. Privately, senior Republicans said Bush's team was directing intermediaries who had quietly urged GOP lawmakers to intervene to protect Bush's interests.

House Speaker Tom Feeney had said he was in contact with Bush advisers but tried to roll back from the comments Thursday, saying he had talked to "friends who worked with the party." He seemed to complain about GOP outsiders "telling the party folks how to run things" in Florida, but said he had not discussed the special session with the Bush team.

Arafat, activists meet to talk peace

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Palestinians wounded three Israeli motorists in a West Bank ambush Thursday, and a Palestinian worker stabbed and injured two Israelis in the Gaza Strip before being shot to death.

Also Thursday, the Islamic militant group Hamas reported on its Web site that the commander of its military wing, Mohammed Deif, had escaped from Palestinian custody, with the help of his guards. Deif is responsible for a series of suicide bombings in Israel, and the report of his escape heightened fears of new attacks.

In the West Bank, a Palestinian court sentenced a 25-year-old Palestinian laborer to death by hanging for helping Israel assassinate a Hamas bomb maker, Ibrahim Bani Odeh, who died Nov. 23 when a car he borrowed exploded. Israeli officials have denied involvement in the death, and they had no immediate comment on the sentence.

Thursday marked the first time a suspected collaborator with Israel was put on trial by the Palestinian Authority. In the past, alleged informers were either killed by Palestinian activists or seized by security forces and held without trial.

The renewed violence came as Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat met with a group of Israeli peace activists in his Gaza City office.

Arafat told his visitors that "we have to work together to restore and build peace on this land for your children and our children."

The leader of the group, Yitzhak Frankenthal, whose son was killed in a Hamas attack, said that Israelis and Palestinians must resume peace talks. "We came to say: enough, enough, enough," Frankenthal told Arafat.

Nearly 300 people have been killed in Israeli-Palestinian fighting since Sept. 28, the vast majority being Palestinians. More than 9,000 Palestinians have been injured in the violence, according to the United Nations.

Despite goodwill gestures, such as Arafat's meeting with the peace activists, it appeared unlikely peace talks would resume soon. Both sides have said the other must meet a number of demands before talks can resume.

In Thursday's violence, Palestinians opened fire on an Israeli car near the Jewish West Bank settlement of Shavei Shomron, wounding three people.

At the Erez crossing between Gaza and Israel, a Palestinian laborer stabbed and wounded two Israelis, including one who was in serious condition. One of the Israelis opened fire and killed the assailant.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak said Israeli security forces would hunt down all those who try to kill Israelis. "We will continue with intense operations to lay a hand on those who attack us," Barak said.

Barak on Thursday denied reports that he is negotiating a backroom deal with three religious parties that would help him put off early elections, now tentatively set for spring.

Barak would seek to postpone the mandatory draft of Jewish seminary students, which is to take effect Jan. 1. In exchange, three religious parties would reverse themselves and vote against early elections.

"There is no basis to this," Barak angrily told Israel army radio. "There are no negotiations" with the religious parties.

Israel's Supreme Court has ruled that automatic draft exemptions granted to tens of thousands of seminary students are illegal and has instructed parliament to pass appropriate legislation on how to recruit them into the army.

Parliament has repeatedly failed to do so, and the court's deadline for new legislation expires at the end of the year.

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'Tis the season to trade books for cash

Bookstore: Buyback unique

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This semester's textbook buyback is close at hand, and students are hoping to receive a little extra cash before the holiday season.

Beginning Saturday at 8 a.m. and ending Dec. 16, students can sell back their textbooks and receive up to 60 percent of the new retail price for some of their textbooks.

"No other bookstore does this," said Brent Laker, assistant director of books at the BYU Bookstore. "Most universities pay students, at the most, 50 percent of the current retail price for their textbooks."

In comparison to other university buyback programs, he said BYU pays the most for textbooks.

The University of Utah bookstore pays 50 percent of the retail price, said Shane Girton, textbook manager at the University of Utah.

Utah Valley State College and Utah State University bookstores also pay 50 percent of the new textbook price.

The national demand really determines the resale value of textbooks, Girton said.

During Winter Semester 2000, the Bookstore paid students $1.6 million for their textbooks.

This semester, the Book store will pay an estimated $1.7 million at buyback, Laker said.

"I appreciate BYU's buyback just because other universities don't give back much money for textbooks," said Timbre Newby, 20, a junior from Layfayette, Ind., majoring in English teaching.

Laker said the Bookstore is not trying to keep money from students during textbook buybacks.

"We are here to serve students, and we are doing all we can to give back," he said.

Despite the good intentions, buybacks are not free from frustration.

Janeil Lambourne, 21, a senior from Brea, Calif., majoring in accounting, said she has paid hundreds of dollars on textbooks and has not gotten much money back when she tried selling her books.

"It's disappointing when I have to buy an expensive book, and I can't sell it back because a professor uses a new edition or switches texts," she said.

The Bookstore pays 60 percent for books that meet specific criteria.

Professors must request textbooks before the buyback.

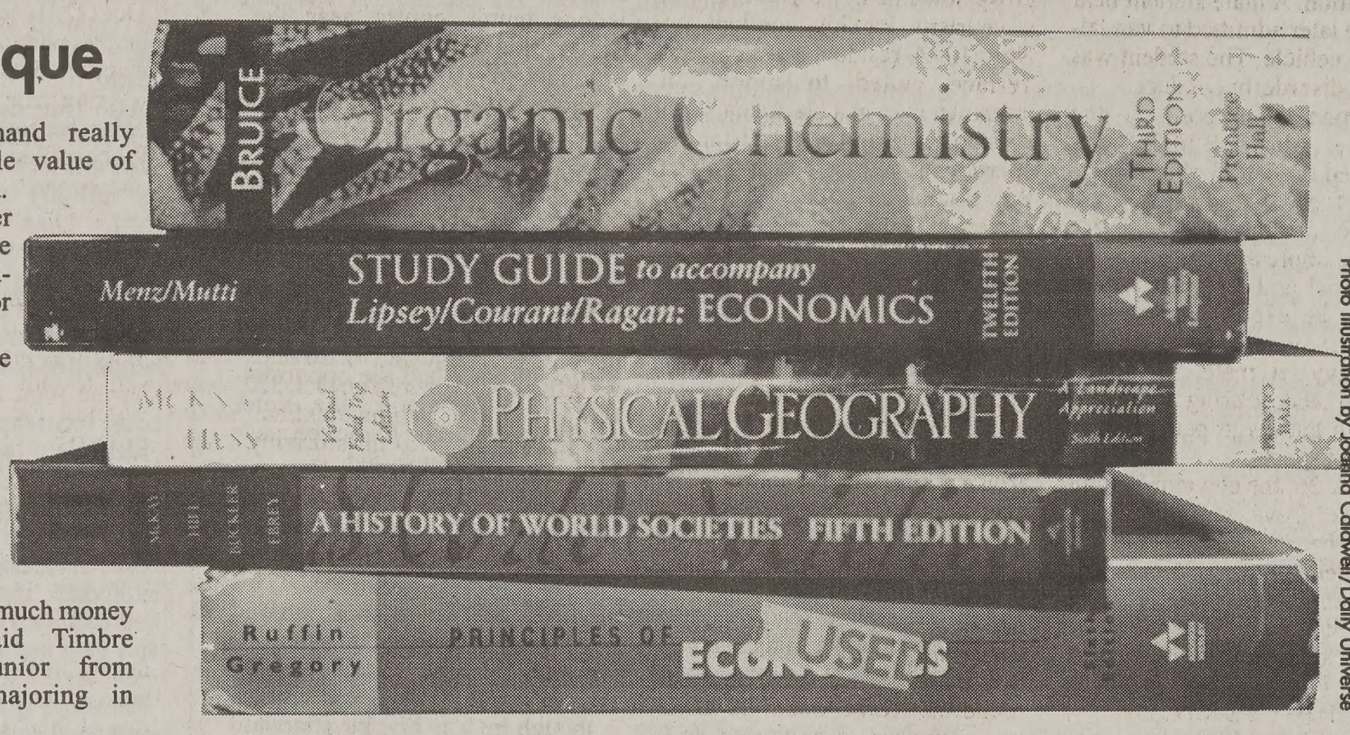
The Bookstore is unable to buy back books once the quota is filled or if the book will no longer be used.

Damaged books, packets with unbound pages and workbooks cannot be bought back.

In situations where the Bookstore cannot buy back a book, it is considered for wholesale buyback.

Wholesalers purchase books at 10 to 30 percent of the retail price.

To beat the rush, Laker recommended that students sell their books as soon as they can.



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Textbook trading goes online as students can barter on Hub Web site

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Students have another opportunity to get more money for their textbooks if the BYU Bookstore can't give them what they want.

BYUSA's design and technology department is sponsoring an online book exchange through their Hub Web site, http://hub.byu.edu.

John Gambee, vice president of BYUSA design and technology, said the book exchange site was officially launched Tuesday for students to post the books they would like to sell.

Students will not be allowed to buy books from the site until Jan. 2, he said.

This will allow the book exchange database to be filled so students can find the books they are looking for when it comes time to buy.

Matt Jaynes, executive director of technology for BYUSA and programmer for the online book exchange, said the book exchange has an interesting history.

It started as a BYUSA initiative in which students would bring their used books to the Garden Court on a specific day, he said.

When other students purchased the books, BYUSA would give the original owner the money earned in the sale.

An online version of the exchange was launched previously but did not have much success, so this is a chance for another try, Jaynes said.

The bookstore does not view the online book exchange as competition and fully supports the exchange, said Brent Laker, assistant director of the bookstore.

"It will be nice to have someplace to refer the students when the bookstore can't help," he said.

Laker said he hopes students will go to the bookstore first and then to the exchange if the bookstore's buyback price does not satisfy them.

BYUSA sent a mass e-mail to BYU students and 24 hours after the e-mail was sent, the site had received about 12,000 hits, Gambee said.

Erich Pletsch, programmer for the online book exchange, said the site is secure and students should not worry about their information being stolen or changed.

Students must enter their Route Y information to gain access to the secure portions of the site where they post information, buy online or update information, he said.

3-D theater set to open

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BYU's College Engineering and Technol will unveil its new virtual r ity theater today at 11 a.m the Crabtree Technol Building.

Built with private donati the million-dollar theater host a special 3-D presenta of semester projects by in trial design students.

In addition, corporate animation industry represe tives will be on hand to how students integrate tech ogy in industrial design.

As part of the presentat students will screen designs in virtual reality then display foam models their designs.

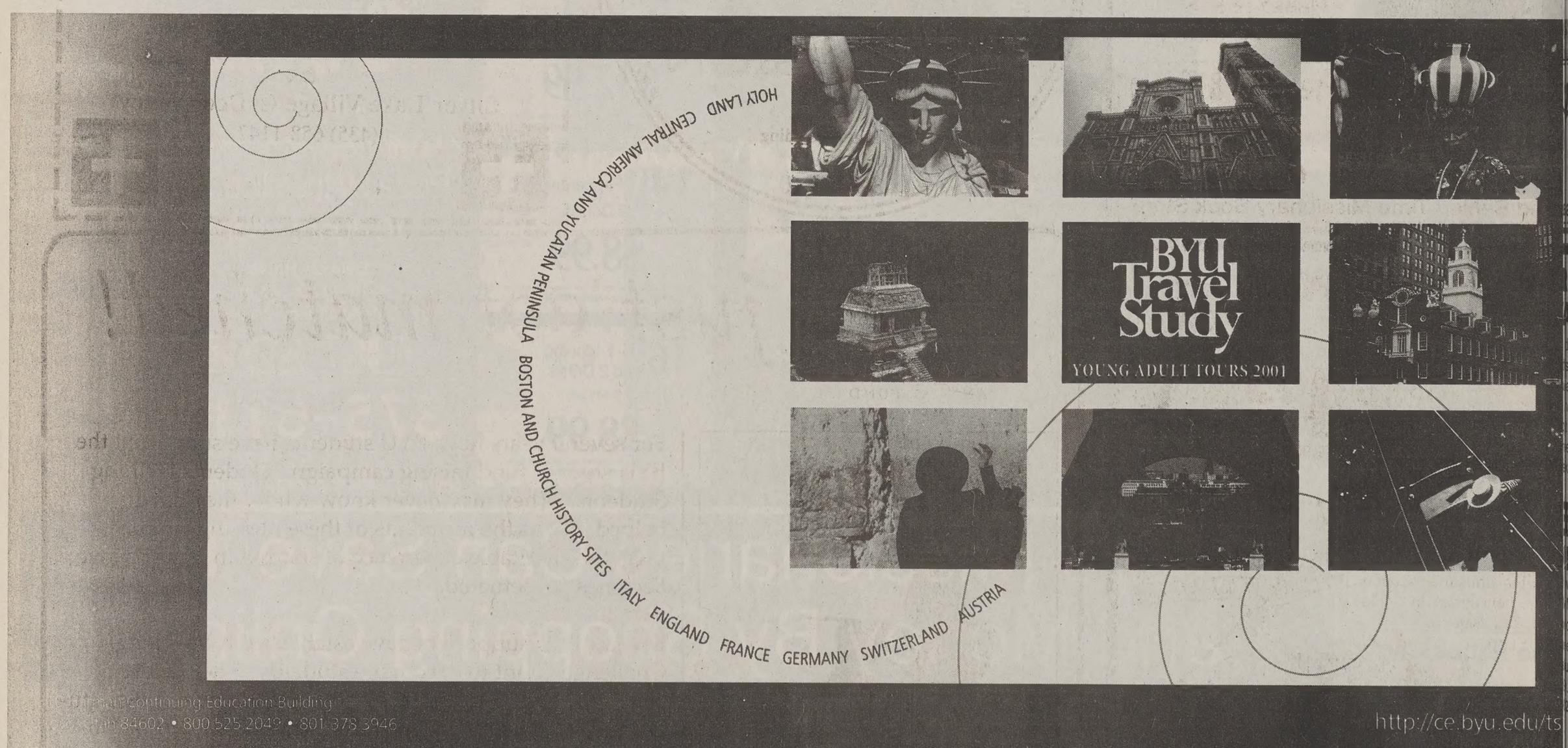
But industrial design stud will not be the only one benefit from the theater.

"It is going to be a g learning tool for our budd designers, animators researchers across the c pus," said Rich Christiansen, dean of College of Engineering Technology.

The theater is equipped fiber optic cables, two h resolution projectors and d tal surround sound for a sup or virtual reality experience

These features can sign cantly reduce the cost designing and creating products, said Brent Ada professor of industrial desig

"The ability to exam designs in three dimensions allow product managers to row down the design immediately," Adams said.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VANDALISM

• On Oct. 1, between 1 and 2 a.m., liquid laundry detergent was poured on a University Police patrol car. When the officer returned to the car he began an investigation. A male student near the scene later admitted to vandalizing the vehicle. The student was cited for disorderly conduct.

• A men's restroom in the Thomas L. Martin Building was vandalized on Oct. 6 at 3:30 p.m. Human feces was smeared all over one of the toilets. Police found the impression of fingers in the material and said the suspect smeared the excrement with his hands. The suspect was described as a heavy-set male, 24 to 25-years old, and wearing a black T-shirt with tan cargo pants. Police have no suspects.

• On Oct. 26, the elevator buttons of Deseret Towers W-Hall were glued. The vandals used super glue to render every button useless. Damage to the elevator totaled $630. No one has been cited for the incident.

SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR

• On Sept. 8, at 11:20 p.m., a man was reported with a gun just outside the northeast corner of the BYU Bookstore. When police arrived, they found a man with a plastic handgun shooting rubber pellets at students. The suspect discontinued the action upon police request.

• On Sept. 18, at 8:30 p.m., a man approached a student on 1230 N. The student reported that the man seemed incoherent as he talked about 8-year-old children. He said children are innocent and should not be molested. He mentioned Jesus, made several lewd comments and then said he had to go talk to someone on campus. Police have no suspects.

• A male suspect was cited for gross lewdness, trespassing and voyeurism for his conduct on Nov. 10. A resident of Wymount Terrace called to report an unknown man in a black coat with a video camera in an area near the apartments. When police arrived they found an unattended video camera videotaping an open window of one of the apartments. The officers on the scene confiscated the camera and returned to the station. Later the same day, a man arrived in the police station to ask about a missing video camera. An officer confirmed the man as the owner of the equipment and arrested him for the incident. The man was later released, but the University Police retained the video equipment as evidence.

• A male student reported a disturbance near his apartment in Wymount Terrace on Oct. 12. Police responded to the report and found the ROTC doing its morning exercises. No citation was issued.

• Just before the BYU football game on Oct. 6, a man tried to drive past a police barricade to get to the Universal Campus Credit Union. When an officer told the man he could not enter, the man became angry and verbally abusive. He claimed he had to make a deposit before 5 p.m. and did not want to use the alternate entrance. The man then jumped out of the car and sprinted into the bank. Moments later he returned to his vehicle and left without further argument. Police filed a report but have not pressed charges.

INDECENT EXPOSURE

• On Sept. 24, at 1:45 p.m., a female student was leaving the indoor tennis courts near the Smith Fieldhouse when she encountered a man in a hooded sweatshirt and no pants. After the man exposed himself he ran to a bike nearby and rode away. The man is described as tall with brown hair. Police have no suspects.

THEFT

• A student's Jeep was stolen between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. while he was at church on Oct. 22. While walking south on 900 East, the student saw two girls driving his jeep heading north. He ran onto the road to stop the suspects but they swerved and kept driving. Later a female contacted the University Police and asked if anyone had reported a stolen vehicle. She reported that she was supposed to pick up a Jeep her brother had borrowed and return it to Heber City. The keys would not work in the Jeep so she tried the column and it started. She delivered the Jeep to Heber City but later realized it was not the right vehicle when her brother called to ask why the Jeep was still in the parking lot. The Jeep was returned undamaged and the woman paid for the gas used. No citation was issued.

• Two male suspects were caught stealing toilet paper from Deseret Towers R Hall on Oct. 18 at 2:45 a.m. The two were seen and detained by a resident assistant of the hall. Police confiscated the property. The suspects said they were taking the toilet paper because they could not afford to buy it on their own. Both suspects were charged with theft.

• On Oct. 22, between 6:40 and 7:45 a.m., a resident of Wymount Terrace reported that a man had been loitering near some cars in the parking lot for more than an hour. When officers arrived they found the suspect trying to leave the area. In the suspect's vehicle officers found pornographic magazines, 20 pairs of women's undergarments and binoculars. The suspect stated that he knew his activity was inappropriate and promised to not return. Police have banned the suspect from BYU property.

• A No. 8 billiard ball was stolen from the lobby of Deseret Towers V-Hall around 11:45 p.m. on Sept. 2. Witnesses overheard a man say he needed the ball for a scavenger hunt. The billiard ball is valued at $5.

• A family in Wymount Terrace reported a stolen bike on Sept. 16. The bike of their 3-year-old child had been missing since Sept. 14. The case was later closed when the bike was located in a bush near the apartment.

This Week

THEFT

• Three pairs of women's pants were stolen from the laundry room of Helaman Hall's Hinckley Hall. Two ladies Gap pants and one pair of Silver-brand pants were reported missing Monday. The total loss is estimated at $112.

In a related incident, another female student's Abercrombie shirt was stolen from the same laundry room on Nov. 12. Later, on Nov. 29, three more pairs of her pants were stolen from the Hinckley Hall laundry room. The student reported two Express brand jeans and one pair of Silver jeans. When she checked on the laundry she found the three jeans had been replaced with a pair of pants that were not hers. Total loss is estimated at $167.

SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR

• Police were called to the Cannon Center on Nov. 30 to assist in breaking up a food fight. The fight started when one student flicked some food at another. In minutes, six to eight students were involved in throwing food across the room. Before the police arrived, all those involved fled the scene. Police have not been able to locate the perpetrators.

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Professor digs deep in Jordan

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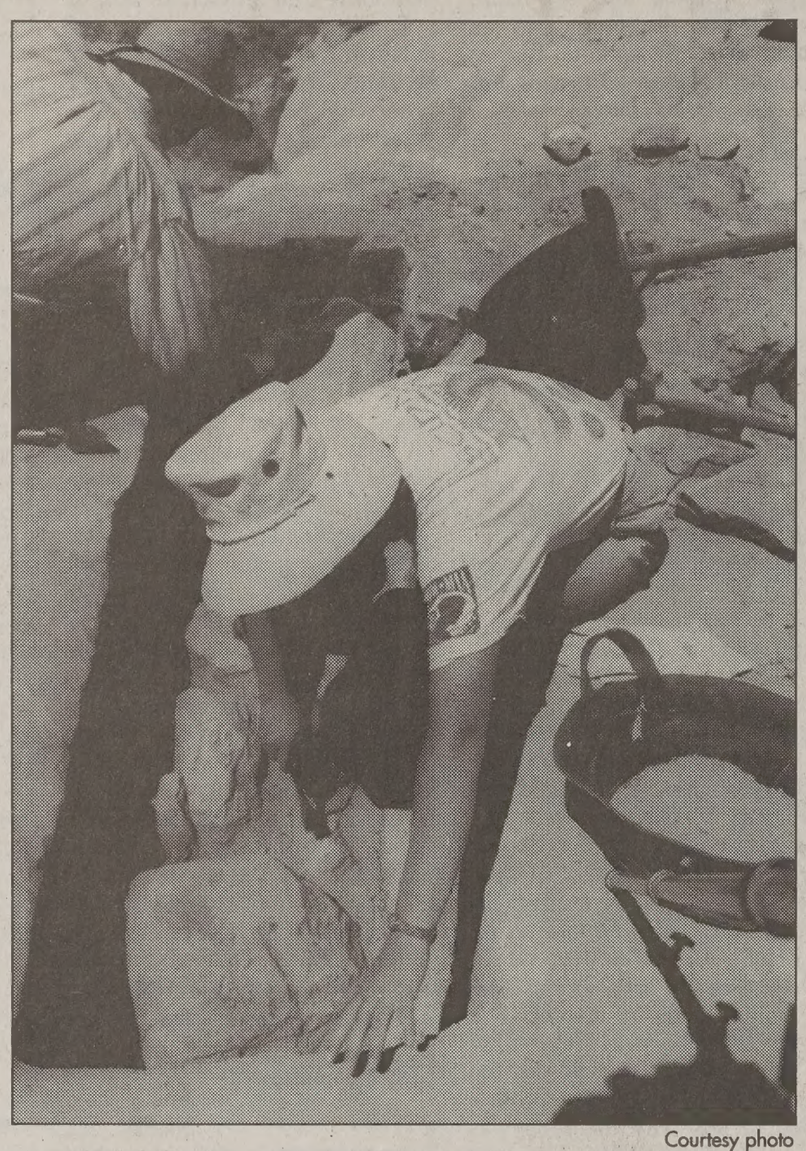

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BYU students excavate a tomb at the Wadi Mataha dig in Petra, Jordan, in 1999.

After spending summers in the scorching sun of Petra, Jordan, for 23 years, David Johnson is already looking forward to his next excavating trip.

"For me, it's like a second home. I've hiked around the whole area and know all the people," said Johnson, a BYU archeologist and professor.

Not only does he know all the people, but about half of the local population have also worked for him at some point.

"The red sandstone makes it a nice place to work. It's like Zion's, but with all these beautiful structures cut into the rock," Johnson said.

He said there are thousands of rock-cut tombs in Petra, which is in southwest Jordan, toward the Israeli border. Most of the tombs have not yet been excavated.

Co-director of Petra's 1,800-year-old Temple of the Winged Lion excavation, Johnson started as a volunteer when he was a graduate student. He cleaned and reconstructed much of the smaller items found.

"I didn't really excavate anything, but I did the essential recording," he said.

Now, the central parts of the temple have been excavated — the side rooms, workshops and living quarters.

Five months before the next trip, Johnson is seeking permission from the Jordanian government to excavate on its land. The Jordanian government requires a detailed proposal of who will be at the dig, what the budget is and what exactly will be done at the site.

"Our relationship with the Jordanian government is good. They are usually quite favorable to us coming over," Johnson said. "But they could always say no."

When the Temple of the Winged Lion dig began in 1974, it was the only dig in the city. Other projects didn't start in Petra until about 1990.

The French, Italians, Swiss, Germans and others, have their own projects.

"In all that's going on in Petra, only about 5 percent of the city has been excavated," Johnson said.

> **"It's a project that could go on for another 100 years."**
>
> — David Johnson, BYU professor who has pioneered the school's archeological work in Jordan.

And the Temple of the Winged Lion is not an excavation that will be finished anytime soon.

"It's a project that could go on for another 100 years," he said.

Phillip Hammond, an adjunct professor at Arizona State University, is the pioneer of archeology in Petra. He originally located the Temple of the Winged Lion.

"I'm just carrying on his legacy in Petra," Johnson said.

Johnson has also pioneered a research track on the Wadi Mataha dig. Wadi Mataha is an area away from the center of town, near a dry seabed.

Other projects in Petra are focused on tombs of kings and noblemen.

"What makes the BYU dig different is that we're excavating the common people — the houses and tombs of the non-elite," Johnson said.

Business, English top li of most popular majors

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Reasons ranging from marketability to flexibility make some majors at BYU more popular than others.

According to the office of Applied Technology Services, the majors with the highest enrollment for Fall Semester 2000, beginning with the highest, are pre-management core, English, psychology, pre-elementary education and elementary education.

Amy Kohler, pre-management core program coordinator, said the high enrollment of the business program is because of the degree's marketability.

More people are realizing the value of a business degree, she said. It is a good background for nearly anyone, especially entrepreneurs, Kohler said.

The English major is popular because it is generic, said Mary Anne Rich, supervisor of the humanities advisement center.

Students going into fields like engineering usually know specifically what they want to do for a career. English applies to students who enjoy learning, but don't have a specific career in mind, Rich said.

It is more often the student's emphasis or minor that will determine what career the student can have, not the English degree itself, she said.

Artha Jackson, graduate secretary for the psychology department, said a bachelor's degree in psychology is a "stepping stone" for master's degrees in other areas such as business.

Jackson said she believes BYU students are drawn to psychology because they have a deeper sense of spirituality than other students.

They may also have a greater urge to help society because of their desire to serve oth said.

Winn Egan, chair of education, said 1,100 students graduate each y degrees in education.

For women, educ degrees are often "in policies," he said. This women can use these de work in an emergency said.

These degrees are de because women can learn teach and discipline the children, while simultan pursuing a degree, he sai

Teacher's schedules also children's schedules, Ega This advantage gives t mothers time with their c that other working might not have.

Some students also use ing degrees as a basis fo areas, such as law school seling or social work, he s

Class mixes business, ethics, religio

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Business, ethics and religion — three words not often heard in the same sentence.

But a new class at BYU attempts to combine them all while promoting service at the same time.

The Management Suites class is a new class offered in the Marriott School of Business.

"In the class, we learn a lot about ethical decisions we might have to make in the real world, and how to apply Christlike attributes when faced with such situations," said Keith Kofoed, 25, a junior from Moses Lake, Wash., majoring in business finance.

Jeff Bailey, 22, a senior from Tampa, Fla., majoring in finance, and member of the class, said this semester's class is a pilot program.

"The class is a three credit class — two credits are for religion and one for business," he said.

As a part of the class, students had to complete a service project utilizing business skills to help the community.

For their servic project, Bailey and Kofoed, along with three other business students — Jared Hale, Carla Green and Joey Nelson — designed a Web site to teach financial planning.

"The site teaches about three different aspects of financial planning: investments, mortgages and debt management," said Hale, 24, from Portland, Ore., majoring in finance and Japanese.

The Web site, www.geocities.com/myfinance-plan, offers tips to help manage money.

These tips include accounting for every penny, putting your money in an interest-bearing account and "save, save, save!"

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For example, the chart how much a 25-year-old can save if he or she save per month for 40 years. E 65, assuming a 12 percent al interest rate compo monthly, he or she would $1,176,477.

The site's designers state a simple investment strate an early start, you and you ily can pave your way to time of financial security."

The members of the grou designed the site agree de ing this service project ha a good experience.

"It was a fun assig because it implemented a what we've been learni class and how to apply it real world," Kofoed said.

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Massage school grows in popularity

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Kneading, rolling and squeezing sound like directions to making homemade bread, but they are actually different massage therapy techniques.

The massage therapy industry has exploded over the past few years since it has become a more acceptable form of treatment. People of all ages have taken advantage of massage for medical reasons and have discovered it as a pathway to a promising professional career.

The Utah College of Massage Therapy, one of the oldest massage schools and one of nine in the country that have dual accreditation, will graduate 650 students this year, said Bob Smith, director of the Salt Lake campus.

The classes at the Lindon, Utah County, campus continue to fill up with people from high school graduates to grandparents, said Ruth Hiatt, director of the campus. Hiatt said they like having a variety of body types for the students to work with because the students will massage people of all sizes and ages in their careers.

Although the cost of a massage therapy education is far from cheap, the students and teachers say that it is worth every penny.

"The education is worth it even if I never practiced," said Barry Birch, education coordinator at the Lindon campus.

With tuition at around $10,000 a year, UCMT has a competitive program that teaches 19 different modalities or techniques as well as marketing, accounting and other business classes.

Massage therapists can make up to $80,000 a year, depending on where they are employed, Smith said. The spa industry has been booming, and about 60 percent of their revenues stem from massage therapy.

Spas have peppered the Las Vegas Strip in the new hotels, and many of them come to recruit students, Hiatt said.

The job opportunities for massage therapists are unlimited. Besides being employed at spas, massage therapists can work with sports teams and children or in the medical field.

Although some people may get into massage therapy because of the money, most of the students have a greater purpose.

Hiatt went to the school in Salt Lake City when she was 40 after substituting at junior high schools, working for a professional marketing company and being a mom. She said she needed consistent employment and has been able to take care of her family on that income.

After opening her own office in Orem and working for four years as an independent massage therapist, Hiatt took the position as director of the Lindon campus.

Mary Reel, a massage therapist at the Four Seasons in Las Vegas, said she decided to go into massage therapy after receiving several massages for her sore feet and back.

"I thought to myself, 'It would be great to make someone feel that good,'" she said.

Reel said that she had been teaching aerobics classes and thought massage therapy would be a complementary education for her career.

Suzanne Rowley, 23, from Springville, Utah County, graduated from Southern Utah University in elementary education because her ultimate goal was to help people. She came back to Provo and enjoyed teaching elementary school, but the hours were overwhelming.

"With elementary education, I'm only helping children," Rowley said. "With massage, I can massage infants to people up to 100 years old. It doesn't matter what the age."

Massage therapists find their profession rewarding for several reasons. Birch said that he likes that he can see the results.

"I love seeing what I can do with massage and how it helps someone who has tried everything," he said.

Nancy Kruger, 39, from New York, said she initially got into massage therapy because she noticed the clientele possibilities and the good money.

"I used to think it (massage) wasn't that great, but I see that people can move better," she said.

Kendahl Florio, 20, a BYU junior from Fremont, Calif., majoring in modern dance, experienced extreme stress last semester, which weakened her immune system and led to her contracting mono. She said she would go to the massage school for massages twice a month.

Florio said she was taking steps against stress, including yoga and meditation, and the massages definitely increased her health.

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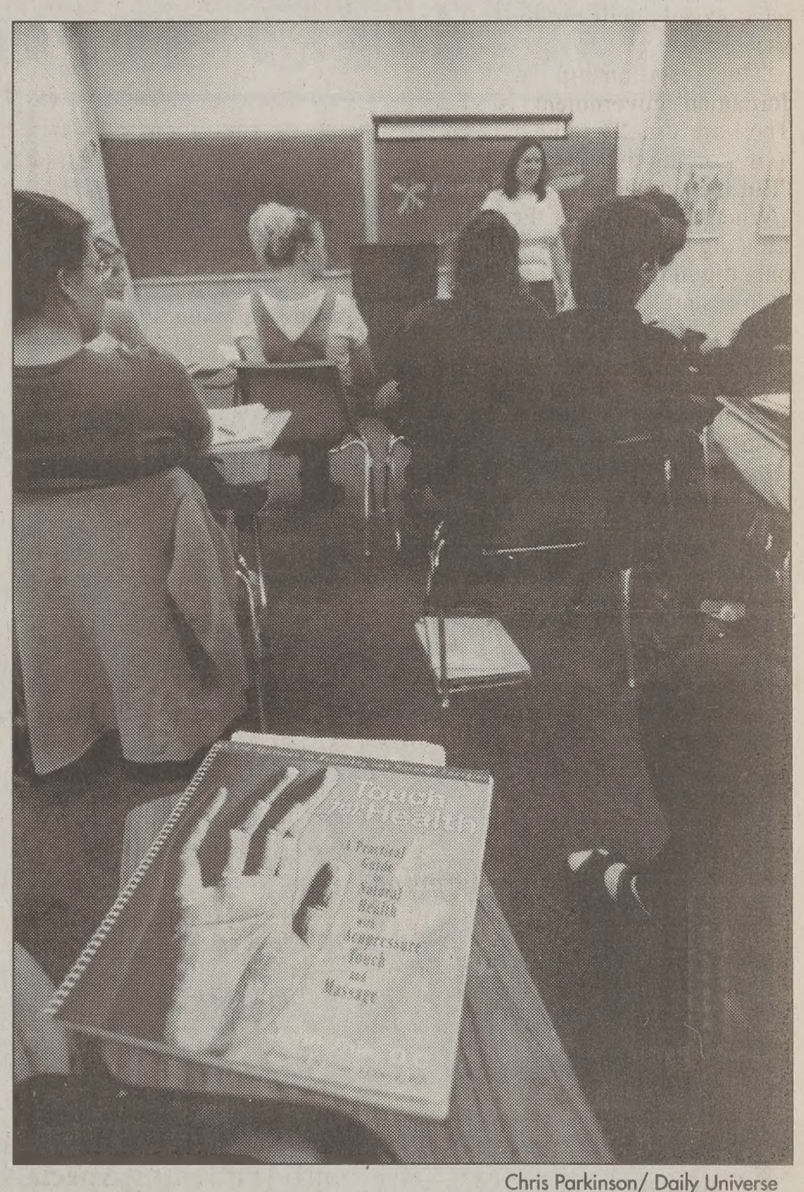

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Above, Students from the Utah College of Massage Therapy give BYU students massages at a special event in the Garden Court of the WSC last month. Right, Graduating students at the UCMT participate in class instruction at the UCMT campus in Lindon.

Utah becoming a hot spot for screen talent

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Hollywood is 650 miles away from Provo, but the distance is starting to decrease.

Utah is now one of the top five states for movie and television productions in the nation, said Leigh Von Der Esch, Utah Film Commission executive director.

This means that the need for talent is strong, as indicated by the climbing number of talent agencies, Von Der Esch said.

With daily wages that can make a wallet several hundred dollars heavier, some BYU students are taking advantage of the opportunity.

Laura Price, 20, a sophomore from Madison, Wis., with an undeclared major, has been a part of the Craze Talent Agency for six weeks.

A performer since she was 4 years old, Price said it was an advertisement in the newspaper that motivated her to join the agency six weeks ago. After a preliminary interview, comprised of script reading and a little singing, Price said she's been to many auditions but has not yet landed any roles.

Still, she remains optimistic and said Utah is great place to start out and is a lot less competitive than the entertainment industry in California.

Juan Olmo, 24, a junior from Puerto Rico, majoring in Spanish, said he joined a talent agency to accelerate his acting career.

It took six months with Creative Talent Agency in Provo before Olmo landed the role of co-host for a new television show.

Utah is an attractive filming locale because it provides producers with beautiful locations and a complete package of talent, Von Der Esch said.

She said an advantage is Utah's universities, like BYU, which specifically train students for the industry in both production and acting.

Patrick Robert, a Craze talent agent, said Utah's two main television productions, "Touched by an Angel" and "Cover Me," have renewed their contracts in Utah and motion pictures are always being filmed here.

The diversity of productions also means a diverse pool of talent is needed — not just Matt Damon and Gweneth Paltrow lookalikes.

Daba Stedman, manager of Soleil Model and Talent Agency in Salt Lake City, said there is not a specific look they look for, only talented people who are motivated.

Robert said looks don't matter as much as in the entertainment industry as in the fashion industry, but people still need to be confident since nervousness is always detected by the casting director.

Photo courtesy of Brewster family

Five of the nine members of "The Brewster Family" performing group show off their various instruments. The family will perform their yearly "Throw the Yule Log On Celtic Christmas Concert" on Dec. 19 in the Provo Tabernacle.

Provo family shares musical talent

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If it's true that families who play together stay together, then the Brewsters will stay together for some time.

Meet the nine members of a local performing group, the Brewsters, who are all from the same family. Headed by parents Scott and Elaine, the group also includes their children: Sara 25, and her husband Allen Simpson; Ben, 23; Jacob, 20; twins Aaron and Matthew, 18; and Katie, 15.

The family began performing 10 years ago, Mrs. Brewster said.

Mr. Brewster, who is an engineer and professor at Brigham Young University, said he grew up as a folk performer and his wife performed in musicals and operas growing up.

He said he gave up music when he got married and started his family.

Then one day the fire was rekindled. The family was at an outdoor arts and crafts festival when "we heard the most incredible music floating through the trees," Mr. Brewster said.

"We couldn't place it. We knew it wasn't a harp because it wasn't plucked. Then when we stood in front of it, we still had no idea," Mrs. Brewster said.

What the Brewsters heard and saw that day was a hammered dulcimer, an instrument that originated thousands of years ago in Persia or Arabia, Mr. Brewster said.

Next, the Brewsters' friends, the Duttons, opened their own theater.

"I always had the idea in the back of my mind that it would be fun to have a family performing group. If the Duttons can do it so can we," Mr. Brewster said.

Mrs. Brewster said she began by taking her boys, "kicking and screaming," to bluegrass fiddle lessons.

One of their first performances was in Spring City, Sanpete County, for the 24th of July celebration. Since then, they have performed all over Utah. They have traveled to the Western and Pacific states and to Canada, Mr. Brewster said. They have also performed at Provo's Freedom Festival and on BYU campus.

Last year, the Brewsters performed for three Russian visitors to BYU. The visitors were astounded a family that big could play instruments, Mrs. Brewster said.

"We are like ambassadors for America, the school, the church and families in general," Mrs. Brewster said.

Their music includes a wide variety of acoustic instruments: the mandolin, violin, bowed psaltery, harp, hammered dulcimer, guitar and piano.

Eight years ago, the Brewsters decided to perform for friends and neighbors at a special Christmas concert.

The idea has grown and their annual "Throw the Yule Log On Celtic Christmas Concert" will be at the Provo Tabernacle on Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. The performance features "olde" Celtic Christmas music and is free to the public.

Study: Parents must be honest about Santa

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Children take their places in the long line that winds around the giant Christmas tree. They cling to the legs of their mothers and talk excitedly.

They all have their eyes fastened on one thing — the jolly man in the red suit.

"Mommy, Mommy, there's Santa!", a toddler exclaims, clenching her small fists together and jumping up to see him over the gold railing.

One by one, they climb on his lap and stare in awe as he winks and asks them if they were a good boy or girl this year.

"I think that really is Santa," one young girl says to the other as they walk by.

"Yeah, it sure looks like him," the other one whispers.

He's everywhere at once, in front of the grocery store, in the mall, ringing a bell or handing out candy canes. He's portrayed thousands of ways, with varying rates of jolliness and jelliness, but the common thread is that children believe in him.

Believing in something that is not real is not dangerous, said Dr. Robert Butterworth, a Los Angeles-based psychologist who has done studies on the effect of believing in Santa Claus on children.

Fantasy is not a problem because most kids do believe it, he said. As long as their peers believe and they are developing equally, it is OK for children, Butterworth said.

There are three key fantasy figures for children: the Easter Bunny, the Tooth Fairy and Santa Claus. Belief in Santa tends to linger because of the gift aspect, he said.

The problem arises when children believe past the age of acceptability, or their parents avoid the question of whether or not Santa is real when their child approaches them.

"By the age of 7 or 8, 75 percent of children have figured it out, and if their parents don't tell them, they will find out in a cruel way," Butterworth said.

Children after age 8 who still believe in Santa Claus are at risk of being ostracized by their peers, he said.

At age 4, belief in Santa is pretty solid, Butterworth said.

Seven or 8 is an age of reasoning, when children begin to question Santa going down a chimney or traveling all around the world in one night. They begin to wonder how he can do all those things.

This is the time when parents need to be honest with their children in the gentlest way possible.

"Parents who don't confront the problem and tell the truth are chicken," Butterworth said.

It is the parents' job to inform their kids, he said.

"A lot of kids don't tell their parents because they don't want to disappoint them," Butterworth said.

Beyond the social aspect, it's important that children make the transition from getting to giving, he said.

Paula Henrie, a mother of three from Orem, said all her children still believe in Santa Claus.

"They asked how Santa could get down the chimney, since ours is closed. We told them we just open it up for him," she said.

Children need to believe until they have to be "Santa" themselves, Henrie said.

"I'm going to make them believe until they have to otherwise," she said.

The issue of dealing with Santa Claus extends beyond the home, and into the atmosphere of schools and day care.

Diana Karren, a BYU clinical faculty associate in early childhood department, said she is careful about how she approaches Santa Claus in school.

"We focus on what is important to children in their world. We look at the traditions the students have in their homes and talk about them in the classroom," she said.

Instead of presenting the students with ideas, Karren poses the question, "What do you think?" and allows students to record their beliefs through writing or pictures.

Although cautious, she said the subject of Santa Claus is not taboo in her classroom.

"We read all kinds of fantasy books, including ones about Santa Claus, and ask them if they think it could really happen, but we don't focus on the myth," Karren said.

She avoids having the students make wish lists for Santa. Instead, she teaches that Santa represents peace, love and giving.

Karren agrees that it is not bad to allow children to believe when they are young.

"Their play is fantasy," she said.

The reaction to Santa depends on how it is approached from a parental and teacher standpoint, Karren said. If the message is focused on giving, then that is what will be important to the child, she said.

It's the duty of the parents to be honest with their children when they ask whether or not Santa Claus is real.

"If you're not honest then, what are they going to do when they say, 'Is the Savior real?' You have to develop that trust early," Karren said.

She suggests that once the child knows, he or she can be involved as a secret Santa for the younger children.

Heather Rockwood, a teacher at the BYU Headstart preschool, said all her 4- and 5-year-olds believe in Santa Claus.

She said she sees no problem with children believing in something like Santa when they're young.

"It gives them something to look forward to, something to believe in," Rockwood said.

Being honest with children is good. However, if the child is told the truth before he or she is ready, it will throw them off course, she said.

"They need to be left alone to figure it out for themselves," Rockwood said.

Five-year-old Tabby Eva Willard sits on Santa's lap as she approaches and tells Santa she is ill to tell him he might Christmas will be cancelled at the Provo Towne Centre on Wednesday. According to a study by Robert Butterworth, children after the age of 8 might be ostracized for believing in Santa Claus.

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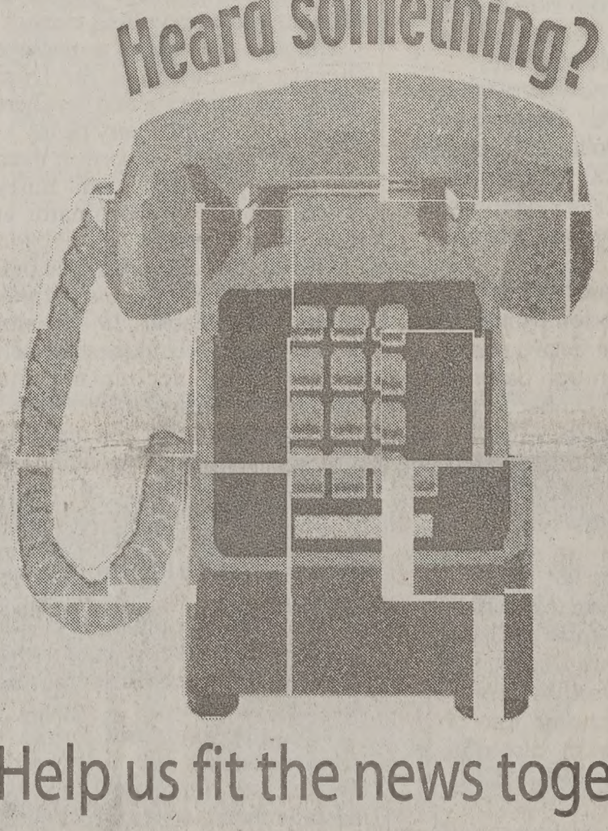

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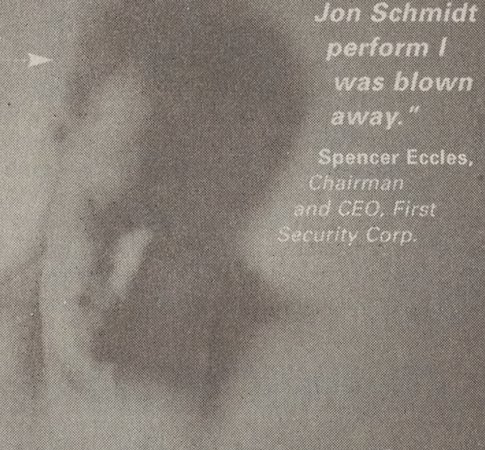

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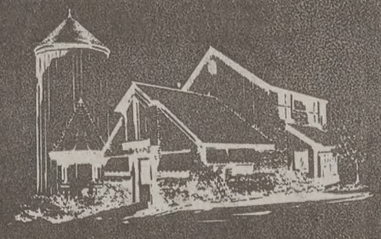

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Women and children are not allowed in the press box

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NewsNet Sports Editor

While the headline of this article may not be true today, it was 50 years ago.

However, there is still a residue of truth that remains in that statement.

While women are allowed in the press box, locker rooms and fields of play today — barring legitimate credentials — many are still not welcome.

Now, before any of you brush this piece off as just another feminist ploy at obtaining special rights, allow me to explain.

I am not your typical woman. I am a sportswriter.

I cannot think of a more enjoyable profession. I get paid — and fed — to attend sporting events for free and write about them.

It has been my dream job since I was 14 years old.

But back in those days, I had ideals about the profession. Of equality and acceptance.

Since then, I've gone on to cover college and high school sports as well as professional baseball and hockey.

But, for me at least, sportswriting is really not all it's cracked up to be.

Take, for example, two years ago when I was covering a high school football game for Deseret News.

I walked to the gate and showed my credentials.

"Hold on for a second. Where did you get this?" the ticket taker asked.

Well, I certainly didn't dig through the trash and find it.

"I work for Deseret News, sir. I'm a reporter," I said.

"Wait right here."

So I waited. The 60-year-old man called to other reporters already on the sideline from various newspapers. He asked them to testify that they knew me.

Whaddya know. I was legit.

I'm sorry, but high school events are not THAT tantalizing that I would want to sneak onto the sidelines.

At another football game, the head coach of one of the teams came up and started yelling at me to get some athletic tape.

"I'm not a trainer, I'm a reporter."

"Get some tape," he kept yelling.

"Look, I'm not a trainer, but if the tape is that important to you, tell me where it is and I'll get it."

It's the little things that make being a woman sportswriter so difficult.

At one of the Utah high school swimming championships I went to interview someone from the team favored to win. The assistant coach obliged to the interview and also managed to ask me out.

Aside from that being unprofessional and against my personal code of ethics, it was downright gross. Let me think, I'm 19 and you're 30. No thanks.

That particular team went on to win, and, all of the sudden, I got the cold shoulder from that coach.

"No interviews at this time, ma'am."

Somehow I don't think the other reporters there, who were all male, had to deal with that.

Another time involved a coach of a college basketball team who refused to answer my questions.

"I only talk to *real* reporters," he said.

But my favorite stories come from some of you, the readers of The Daily Universe, who sent countless letters to the editor this semester, asking why in the world BYU has a woman sports editor.

I'll tell you why.

You see, ever since coming to BYU, it has been my goal to write about BYU football — the big wig of BYU sports.

And, I admit, it has been awesome.

It has been the greatest honor to be sports editor during LaVell Edwards' last season.

But, as many readers insisted, who am I to write about Division I football?

Well, good grief, my history teacher never fought in the Civil War, but she is still an expert in the subject.

I wrote a column earlier this year about the BYU-Florida State match up. Many people didn't like it, particularly BYU offensive coordinator Lance Reynolds.

That same day the column ran, Reynolds reportedly told the team at practice not to pay attention to what I write because I don't know what I am talking about ... I have never smelled a *athletic supporter* (not the word I'm told he used) in my life.

Well, I am here to tell you that's not what it takes to make a good sportswriter.

Wake up men, womankind ain't what it used to be.

It is possible to know how to make a soufflé while wearing a skirt and still know the intricacies of the infield fly rule.

I'm not just defending myself, but all of the women who prefer ESPN's SportsCenter over soap operas.

In many ways, women have already broken so many stereotypes when it comes to sports writing.

(Special thanks to my role models: Paola Boivin, Arizona Republic; Gwen Knapp, San Francisco Chronicle; Linda Hamilton, Deseret News).

But sports writing is still a boys' club.

There is still a lot of breaking through to be done.

BYU crushes Panther

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When the Florida International University Golden Panthers rolled into town Thursday, many BYU men's basketball players still had the Cougars' recent road losses fresh on their minds.

In fact, after the first half of play against FIU, Mekeli Wesley and Terrell Lyday had only seven points between them.

Wesley and Lyday ended the 78-50 win over the Golden Panthers with 16 points apiece.

"I don't think we played with much intensity in the first half," Wesley said. "We were sluggish."

But it didn't hold the Cougars down.

BYU was leading the Golden Panthers at halftime thanks to the help of freshman guard Daniel Bobik.

Bobik reeled off a series of three 3-pointers in less than two minutes to carry the Cougars into the locker room with a 30-23 lead.

Enter an upset BYU head coach Steve Cleveland.

"In the first half, I was probably as upset at a team as I have been since I've been here," Cleveland said.

Whatever Cleveland said in the locker room it must have worked.

The Cougars came back and played a second half that didn't even resemble the first half.

BYU, as a team, shot 56 percent on the night and held its opponent to 41 percent from the field.

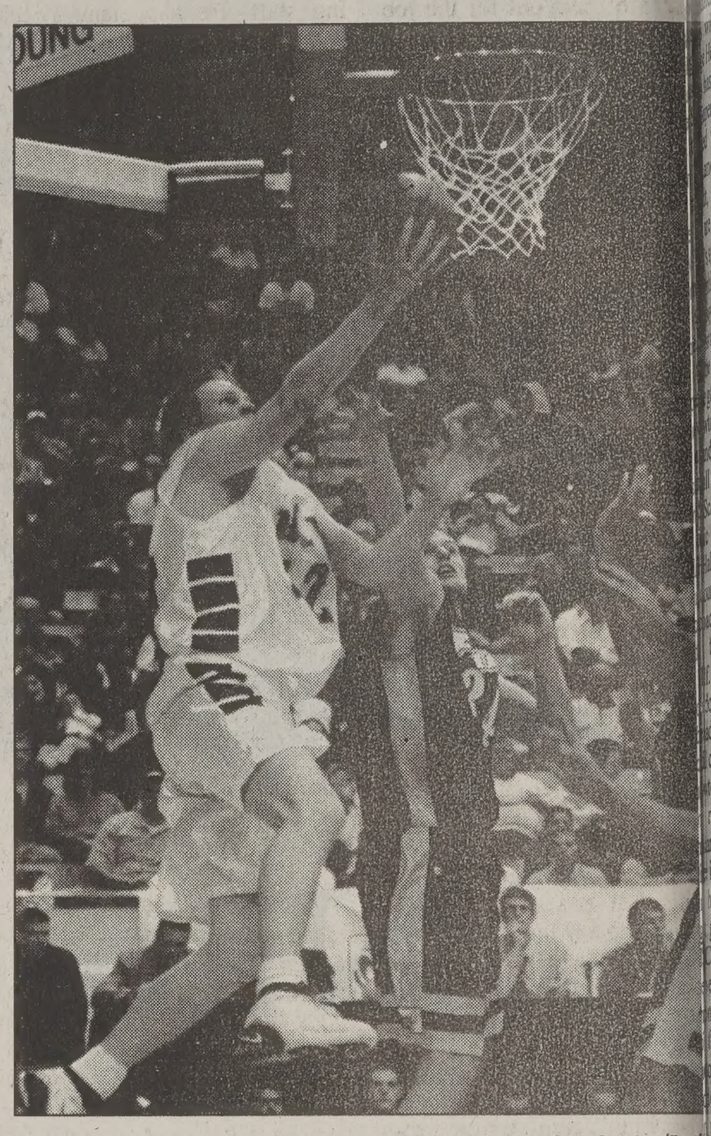
Lyday played especially well defensively during the Cougar win.

"This is the best effort Terrell has given us all year defensively," Cleveland said.

Lyday, who was matched up against Carlos Arroyo, held the FIU standout to only 30 percent shooting and just 14 points.

Arroyo leads the Sun Belt Conference, averaging almost 22 ppg.

"They probably thought they could come in here and play with us, and they played hard but it wasn't enough," Lyday said.



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Nathan Cooper drives to the basket in Thursday's victory Florida International. BYU won 78-50.

Another major difference for the Cougars was rebounds.

BYU out-boarded the Golden Panthers 33-18 and nearly tripled the FIU offensive rebounding totals.

The Golden Panthers, who are playing with only an eight-man roster, struggled physically the whole night.

"They just kept running fresh bodies in and wearing us down," said Donnie Marsh, head coach of FIU.

BYU came into tonight with a losing record on the managed to stay just out of way and move to 3-2 on son.

After the short stint at he Cougars now head to H Texas to play Rice Univers

"We will go into this gam underdog but I am excite their and compete and Cleveland said.

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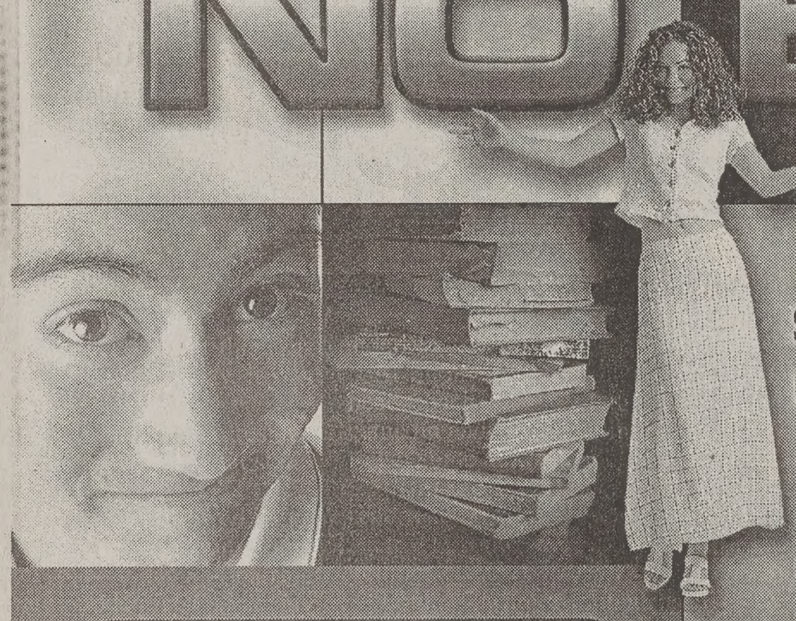

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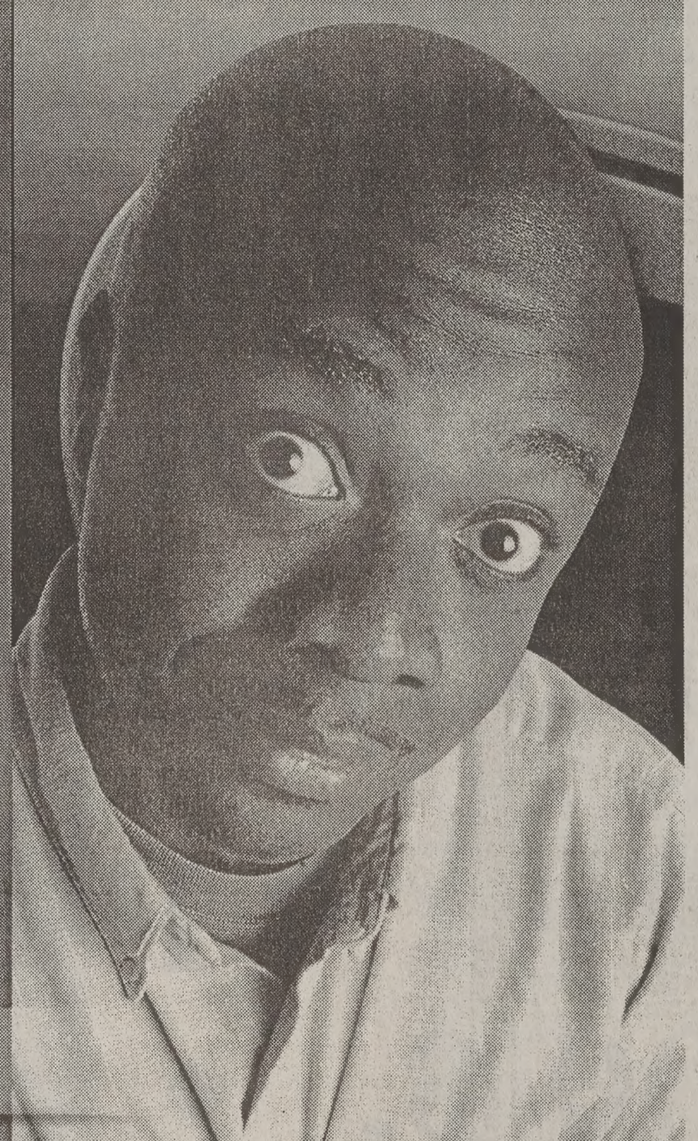

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So, if you have offensive schemes that work in college but do not work in the NFL, then you might as well do what Crowton did — come back to college.

Another difficult challenge he will need to deal with is his coaching staff. He has many coaches who have been part of the LaVell legacy who love Happy Valley.

But when an offensive-minded coach comes to a team with a struggling offense, you can be sure that some new faces will be on the sideline come Fall 2001.

But putting all of this behind him, there are two characteristics that Crowton needs to prove he has. They are characteristics that LaVell made famous: being consistent and being good.

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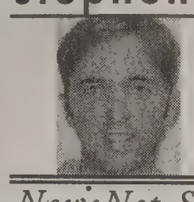

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Since 1982 when he was a student assistant under Edwards, Crowton has coached at Snow College, Western Illinois, New Hampshire, Boston College, Georgia Tech, Louisiana Tech and with the Bears.

BYU is accustomed to having a common face on the sideline game after game, year after year. When Crowton was hired, it was intended to be for the long term.

And true, Crowton has had some respectable college successes in his several short college coaching experiences. But he is entering an environment where losing seasons are unheard of.

Alas, it will come down to the same thing it always comes down to — wins and losses. A few losses and a couple of seasons without bowl games, and Crowton can call up Snow College for another shot.

Wins, national rankings and conference championships mean job security and an entourage of loyal Cougar fans.

I wouldn't mind waiting another 29 years for the next coaching change. And I have a feeling neither would Crowton.

Road to Final Four bumpy

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The BYU women's volleyball team is aiming for the Final Four ,but its road will not be easy.

Friday night the Cougars will face off against the Arizona Wildcats for the second time this year and are hoping they will be prepared this time.

"They have a very good team and they played very well against us the first time," BYU's coach Elaine Michaelis said. "We know what we're up against. We have a lot of respect for them because of that first meeting. It helps to know their personnel and be a little more prepared this time."

The Wildcats finished the season ranked fifth nationally and narrowly missed a number one tournament seed after losing to Colorado State.

However, the Wildcats are just the first hurdle the Cougars must clear before they reach the Final Four.

The team will face a much bigger problem if it wins on Friday since it will most likely face Nebraska, the No. 1 team in the nation.

Nebraska is undefeated this season and will be playing at home where it has the second largest attendance in the nation.

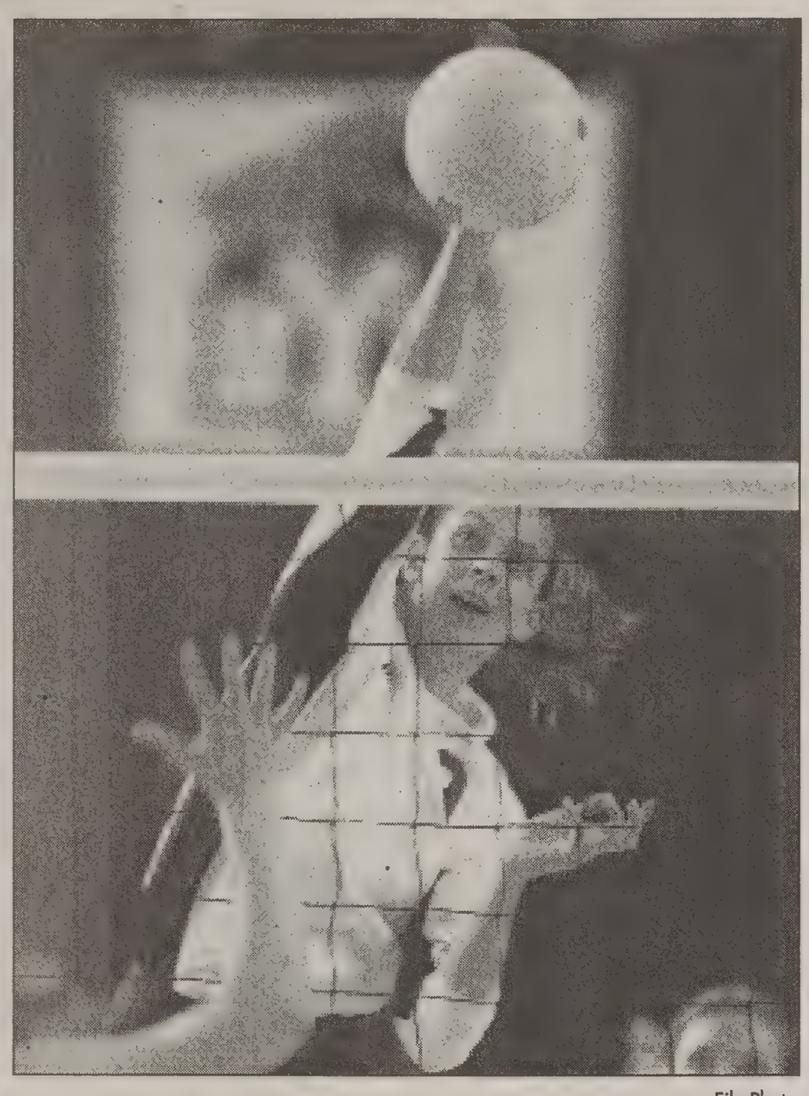
"We have great respect for the Nebraska fans. They are great volleyball fans," Michaelis said.

Despite the large obstacles in front of them, don't count the Cougs out just yet.

They finished the season with an 11-game winning streak and swept their first two matches in the NCAA tournament.

In that winning streak the Cougars beat Colorado State twice. The Rams were ranked No. 3 and 4 at the time. And one of the wins came in Colorado where they ended the nation's longest home winning streak.

The same Colorado State that defeated Arizona earlier in the season.



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Nina Puikkonen delivers one of her trademark kills. The BYU women's volleyball team faces Arizona Friday in the Sweet 16.

During the streak, the Cougars also won three other matches over nationally ranked opponents.

Also, Nebraska looks vulnerable. It narrowly escaped an upset by unranked South Carolina on Nebraska's home floor in the second round of the tournament.

The 15-12 fifth game victory gave Nebraska a scare and let the nation know that this is anyone's tournament to win.

The Cougars' size and athletic ability give them the ability to compete with anyone — even the Cornhuskers.

If the Cougars win on Friday their game on Saturday will be televised on FOX Sports Rocky Mountain.

Puikkonen, Tonga named All-Region

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Clear a space in the trophy case, two players on the women's volleyball team have been given another award.

The American Volleyball Coaches Association named sophomore outside hitter Sunny Tonga and junior middle blocker Nina Puikkonen, to the Division 1 West All-Region Team.

The BYU stars are two of 12 players named to the team.

Puikkonen is not a stranger to this award since she has received the honor each of the three years she has played.

She is the only player in the West and one of nine players nationally who have received the distinction three times.

This was Tonga's first time to be named to the team. However, along with Puikkonen and two other teammates, she was named to the All-MWC team earlier this year.

"This is a nice honor for Nina and Sunny. They are obviously both very deserving. It is a compliment to them and our team," BYU head coach Elaine Michaelis said.

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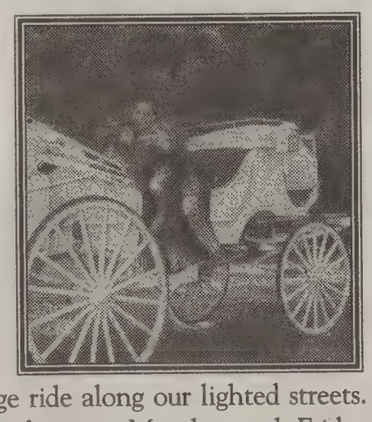

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Cougs edge Northern Iowa

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The first word and the last basket were all the Cougars needed to triumph — never mind what happened in the middle.

The BYU women's basketball team were the first ones on the board in what would turn out to be an intense 69-68 overtime win over the University of Northern Iowa Thursday afternoon at the Marriott Center.

But after that first field goal, the 5-2 Cougars never saw the lead again until overtime.

The rest of the match-up was a struggle as the Cougars were down by an average of 12 points at any given time in the game, including going into the locker room the first half.

But in an intense effort to avoid a replay of the shellacking BYU took from Northern Iowa last year, BYU worked its way back into the game point by point.

In fact, the Cougars only led by one point with 18 seconds left to go in the overtime period and allowed the 13 seconds on the shot clock to run out.

Two-and-a-half seconds never seemed so long.

After four time outs in under three seconds, the teams were back on the floor again with the Panthers in charge of the ball.

But BYU was saved by the bell.

The final buzzer sounded, ending the hard-fought battle and awarding the Cougars the victory.

"The girls showed great heart out there tonight," BYU coach Trent Shippen said. "We turned on the defense in the second half and we just kept climbing and climbing."

Leah K. Porter/Daily Universe

BYU guard Erin Thorn rises to the occasion, aiding the Cougars to a 69-68 victory over Northern Iowa Thursday. BYU improved its record to 5-2.

And the Cougars climbed from a shooting average of 25 percent in the first half to 60 percent in the second.

"We really struggled in the first half on both defense and offense," center Caroline Beus said.

"We came out of the locker room going twice as hard at the half and used the defense we should have been playing all along to dig us out of hole we were in."

Good thing Erin Thorn was there.

The Cougar guard drove relentlessly to the basket in the last few minutes of play, drawing four fouls to keep the Cougars in the game.

"Thorn played smart in driving to the hole — that really helped us out to get her on the free throw line," Shippen said.

Thorn was the high scorer for the Cougars with a total of 20 points, followed closely by Beus who added 15. Heather Cheesman scored 12 and Stacy Jensen contributed seven — six of which were from the free throw line.

After four games on the road, the Cougars will play at home again Saturday against Montana.

'Cats packing heat against favored Ut

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When the Provo IceCats take the ice tonight against Utah, there will be no questions about which team is better.

Utah is ranked No. 1 in the Western region of the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA). The Utes have already pounded the 'Cats twice this season. The last time the two teams met, Utah clobbered Provo 16-3.

Depth will be the IceCats' biggest problem against Utah. The Utes have three good lines that are complimented by outstanding speed and size, said senior center Mark Martinez.

"This will be the first time we've played them at home, so we don't want to be humiliated in front of our home crowd," said senior goalie Matt Denning.

The IceCats' poor performances against the Utes this season are a change from years past.

"We used to dominate and beat them all the time," Denning said. "Utah has really given us a wake-up call."

Despite the odds that are against the IceCats, the team feels it has a chance to post a victory over the Utes.

In preparation for this game, the 'Cats have stepped up their practice intensity and off-ice training to be better equipped to compete with Utah.

"I think we'll be ready for them," said sophomore Greg Ingram. "If we con and play three strong perio hockey, with no mental downs, we will be right game and hopefully we'll pl a win."

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"This is my last game, like to have a good g Martinez said. "I've played ey my whole life, so it will ferent not to play."

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"As far as hockey is conc it doesn't get any better th for us," Denning said.

"We're optimistic, but you have a record like we never can be too confi Denning said.

"But I think we'll win. we'll surprise them."

The two teams face off tor 9:15 p.m. at The Peaks Ice

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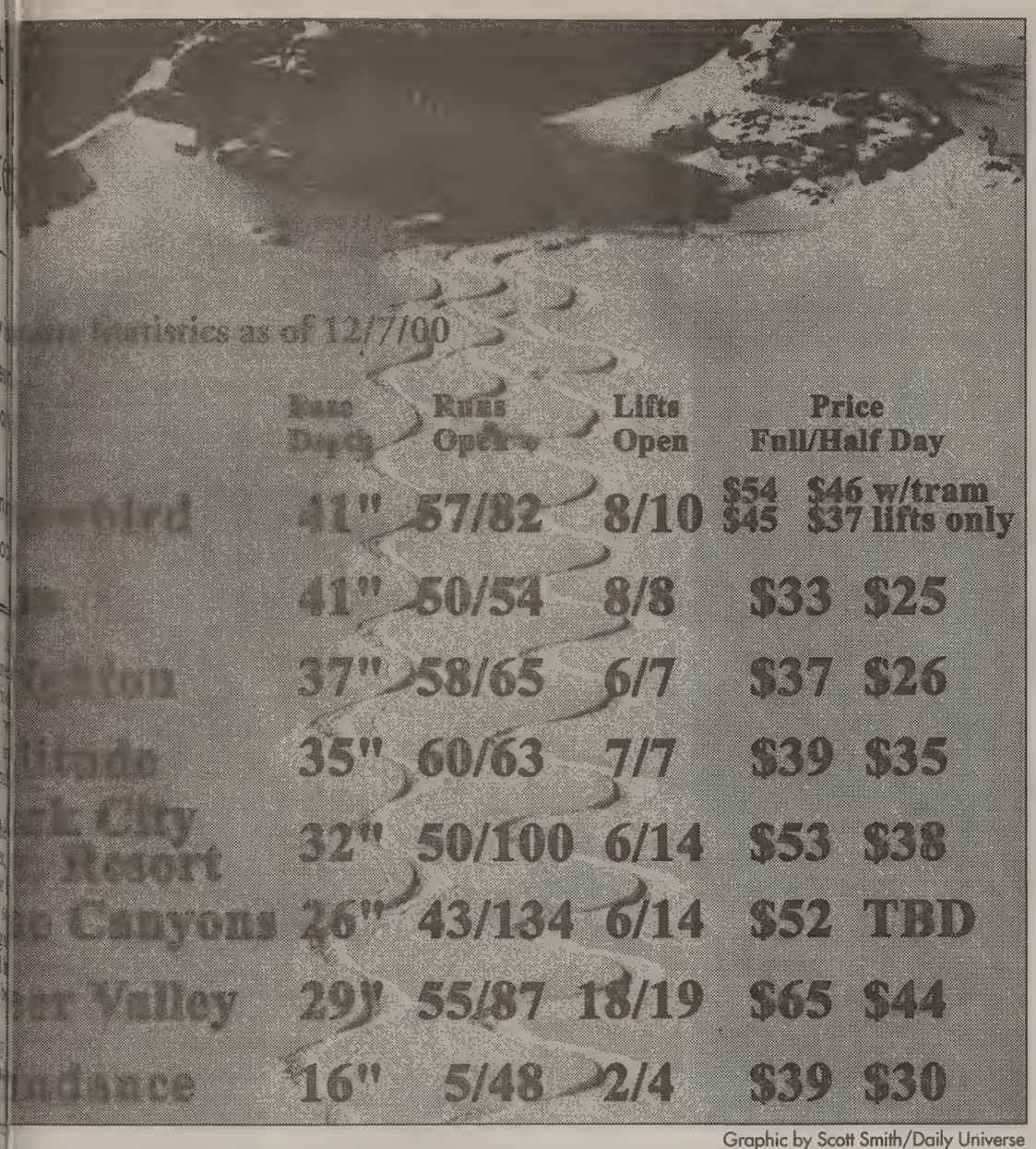

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"Last year at Thanksgiving, we could only open one lift and very few runs," O'Brian said. "This year we had nine lifts, more than 50 runs and seven bowls open."

Having such a great beginning to the snow year really helps the resort and the Utah economy, O'Brian said.

She said, "So far, we are up 25 percent in bookings for the rest of the season."

Great snow is not the only draw for tourists.

Katie Eldriedge, communications director for The Canyons, said this year they, like many other Utah resorts, will open various mountain improvements to the ski resort.

"We are opening up our eighth mountain with a new lift called 'Dreamscape'. That opens up more than 300 acres of intermediate terrain," Eldriedge said.

She said improvements to the mountain and good snow have helped The Canyons sell out all but a few remaining rooms at hotels located near The Canyons in Park City, Summit County.

Kendal Card, Utah sales director for The Canyons, said there are several things students can do to find ski pass discounts.

"We offer substantially discounted passes for students," Card said. "The student season pass runs around $360, and then we also offer discounted day passes through Outdoors Unlimited and other sporting good stores in the valley.

"I can't wait for Christmas break," said Peter Christensen, 22, a history major from Park City, Summit County. "All this snow has me really looking forward to some fine skiing this year."

Events in Utah County during December

WHAT?	WHERE?	WHEN?	HOW MUCH?	CONTACT?
Utah Regional Ballet "Nutcracker"	Harris Fine Arts Center, de Jong Concert Hall	Dec. 8-9, 15-16 at 7:30 p.m. with matinees at 2 p.m. on 9th, 16th	$10, $18, $24, with $2 discount for students, staff	HFAC Ticket Office 801-371-HFAC www.byu.edu/hfac
"Farley Family X-mas"	Harris Fine Arts Center, Pardoe Theatre	Dec. 7-30, Mon. - Sat at 7:30 p.m.	$10, with $2 discount for students, staff, $7 online	HFAC Ticket Office 801-371-HFAC www.byu.edu/hfac
Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol"	Hale Centre Theatre in Orem	Through Dec. 23, Mon. - Sat. at 8 p.m., matinees at 3:30 p.m. on Sat.	$9.50 - $12.50, depending on date and time of performance	Hale Centre Theatre Box Office 801-226-8600
"Annie"	Villa Playhouse Theatre in Springville	Through Dec. 23, Mon., Fri., Sat. 7:30 p.m., 2 p.m. matinee Dec. 23	$9 general, $8 students & seniors, $7 children 3-11, $40 family pass	Villa Playhouse Theatre 801-489-3088
"The Big KSL Holiday Broadcast"	Provo Theatre Company	Through Dec. 30 Mon., Thurs., Fri., Sat. at 8 p.m.	$7.50, $10, $12.50, depending on seat	Provo Theatre Company 801-379-0600

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Utah County hosts Christmas events

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The Provo community can expect an exciting Christmas theatre season.

Although the two most well known annual campus events, "Celebration of Christmas" and "Christmas Around the World" have already happened, there is plenty more to look forward to.

The Harris Fine Arts Center will be host to the Utah Regional Ballet when they perform Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker."

The show will be Dec. 8, 9, 14, 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m. There will also be 2 p.m. matinees on the Dec. 9 and 16.

Tickets are $10, $18 and $24, with a $2 discount for students (college age and younger) and BYU faculty/staff.

The HFAC will also be presenting "The Farley Family X-mas."

This one-man show starring James Arrington has been a popular Christmas event for several years.

The show will play Dec. 7 through 30, Mondays through Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $10 with discounts for students, seniors, and BYU faculty/staff, and alumni.

Tickets for either show can be purchased at the ticket office on the third floor of the HFAC, or by phone at 801-371-HFAC.

There are also many theaters off-campus that are having special Christmas shows.

The Hale Centre Theatre in Orem will be presenting Dicken's classic "A Christmas Carol."

This is the tenth year that the Hale Theatre has produced the show.

It is running through Dec. 23, Mondays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. There will also be 3:30 p.m. matinees on each Saturday. The play will have two matinees at noon and 3:30 p.m., on Dec. 16 and 23.

Ticket prices range from $9.50 to $12.50, depending on the date and time of the performance.

The play sells out every year, which is why so many matinees have been added, said Hale Theatre office manager Mary Kay Peirce. She recommends purchasing tickets early. The Hale Theatre box office phone number is 801-226-8600.

Villa Playhouse Theatre in Springville will stage "Annie."

They will be presenting the Broadway version of this popular show, in which the last act takes place during the Christmas season., through Dec. 23.

A special matinee, called the "Santa Showing" will take place on the Dec. 23.

Santa will come to the theatre at 1:15 p.m. to talk to the children and pass out candy canes before the 2 p.m. show.

Tickets are $9 for general admission, $8 for students and seniors and $7 for children ages 3 through 11. Family passes may also be purchased for $40. Tickets can be purchased over the phone at 80-489-3088.

The Provo Theatre Company will be showing an original production, "The Big KSL Holiday Broadcast."

It is running through Dec. 30. Performances are Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.

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Christmas birthdays: fighting for equal gifts

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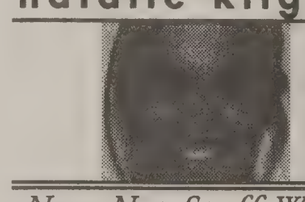


NewsNet Staff Writer

Ahh, the joyous Christmas season is finally here.

The smell of pine lingering in the air, the warmth of a big mug of hot chocolate and the incessant playing of the Carpenter's Christmas compact disc always remind me of the holiday season.

Aside from the traditional Christmas festivities, the holidays mean an added something for me.

My birthday.

December 23rd to be exact.

Granted, I share my special day with Joseph Smith, which is cool, if only for the fact that it makes it easier for my friends whom are members to remember it.

My non-member friends could care less about the significant date, and believe me, they do.

As a complete side note, the 23rd of December is also the day Vincent Van Gogh cut off his ear.

I always get a warm, fuzzy feeling inside when I think of how many incredible events occurred on my special day.

Now I don't know how many of you unlucky souls have been cursed enough to celebrate your day of birth around the holidays, but allow me to tell you how much it stinks.

First of all, there's the obvious present gyp.

People who have birthdays far from a major holiday have it made.

They get double the gifts per annum.

I'm here to tell you the myth that keeps filtering through society that Christmas babies get double the gifts is just that, a myth.

Christmas babies get the major gift shaft.

Besides your parents, who have to worry about presents for everyone else in the family, there are also your friends.

Being college students, your friends' checking accounts seem to run dry throughout the whole holiday season.

Unless you have a particularly savvy friend who thinks to surprise you with a birthday gift a month in advance, you just won't receive anything.

The few times I have received a birthday present from a friend, and I'm talking about a real birthday gift, not a Christmas gift in disguise, I have truly been surprised.

It's just such a rare event that I don't even have to feign surprise, I really am.

Another downside is the packaging problem. You have no idea how un-special you feel until you receive a gift in the same kind of wrapping paper as every other present beneath the tree with the rushed exclamation, "Happybirthdaymerrychristmas!"

Um, hello? Did anyone tell you it's my birthday and not the time to break out your "Tis the Season" wrapping paper?

And then there's the fact that Christmas is a family holiday.

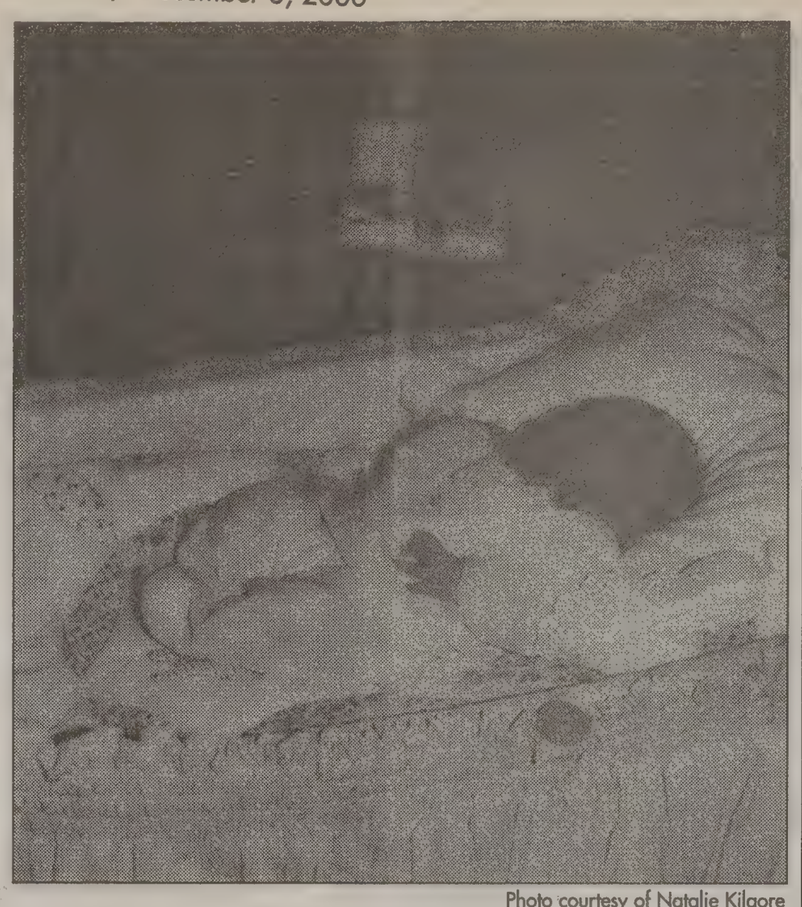
No matter how good of a friend you have, they are simply not going to give you a second thought when they have their family to entertain them.

As I prepare to blow out 21 candles on my…cake? Oh that's right. With all the other sweets served around the holidays, does anyone really want a birthday cake? Not in my family.

Anyway, back to my point.

I'm turning 21 soon and I have decided to enjoy my birthday no matter what. I get a tiny smile on my face when I realize my birthday could be worse.

It could be on Christmas day.



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Reporter Natalie Kilgore as an infant. Kilgore, who was born on Dec. 23, is fighting for equal gifts for people born around Christmas.

Dot coms expect record sales despite last year's deliveries

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The holiday shopping season is in full swing. The stores have their Christmas decorations up, the lines at the register are getting longer and tired shoppers are battling for the hottest holiday gifts.

Some shoppers live for the thrill of the hunt. Others dread setting foot into a store.

Many gift givers, wary of the Christmas rush, are turning to the Internet for shopping.

"Shopping on the Internet is great," says Josh Wheeler, a 24-year-old senior from Idaho Falls, Idaho majoring in construction management. "You can get all the stuff you want and you don't have to worry about a crazy grandma beating you up because you grabbed the last Pokemon game."

Many shoppers don't share that same enthusiasm for e-shopping. Some have been disappointed by their on-line shopping experiences.

Last Christmas customer complaints about Internet retailers reached an all time high. Orders were delivered late, or never delivered at all. London research firm Datamonitor PLC said U.S. e-tailers lost out on $6.1 billion in potential sales last year because of poor customer service.

But horror stories of bad service don't seem to be keeping people from shopping onl… year. According … Nielsen/NetRatings about 55 million Americ… 20 percent of the countr… peruse Web stores this … season. That is $14 millio… than last year.

E-tailers may be bette… pared to deal with the … rush this year. Last years … sion of sales caught man… panies off guard.

According to Communications, consum… expected to spend more th… billion online this holida… percent gain from the $7… spent online during the h… last year. That increase pa… comparison to the whoppi… percent growth rate in … holiday spending from 1… 1999.

Many shoppers are p… their Web browsers to r… that are familiar. Gap and … and Noble are both expe… have excellent online … Customers seem to have … confidence in established … panies. Internet sales s… Amazon.com is teaming u… Toys R Us. They hope th… bination of the biggest na… Internet shopping and re… sales will lure many of … million people expected … toys online this year.

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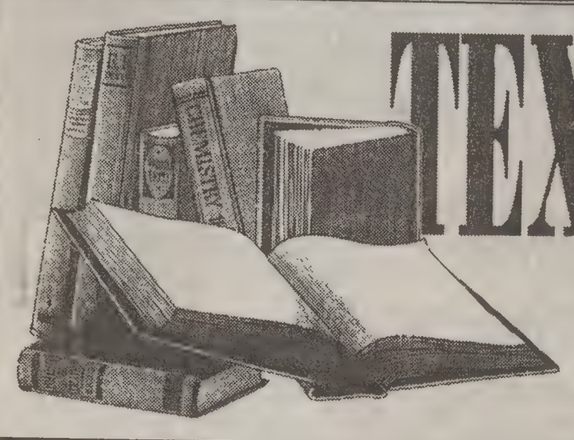

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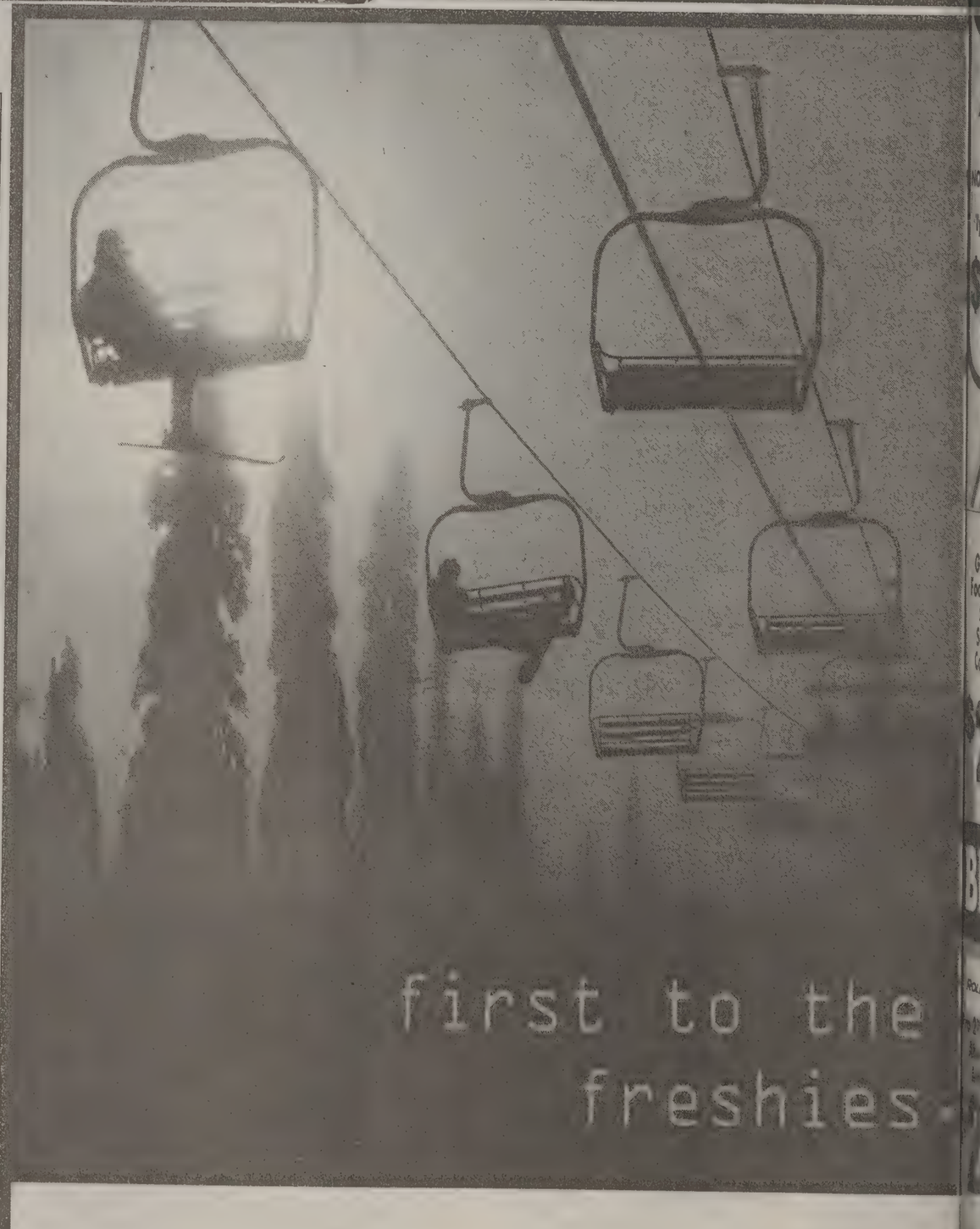

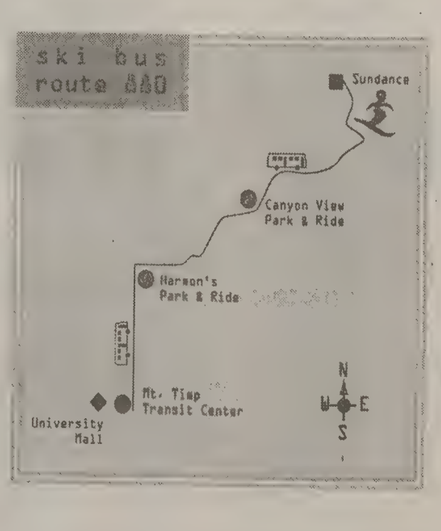

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Christmas tree shopping brings forest tromping

This year's tree at the Provo Towne Centre is the main attraction. For some, the perfect Christmas tree is found in Utah's forest.

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Handfuls of brittle needles plummet to the ground beneath the dangerously dry symbol of Yule tide cheer as hopeful shoppers browse the aisles seeking out the anticipated prize — the perfect Christmas tree.

And while many shoppers head to the local Wal-Mart to nab the flawless specimen, there are still others who utilize a largely untapped resource — the forests.

Unbeknownst to many Utahns, Christmas Tree permits are available at many wilderness outlets, allowing people the opportunity of choosing and cutting their own trees, rather than being limited to the often sparse selection available at most retail outlets.

Although many of the available self-cutting locations offer only a limited amount of tickets, according to Amy Adams, the Utah Bureau of Land Management spokesperson, the BLM near Price, offers an unlimited amount of permits.

"We sell about 700 tags per year, but there is no cap on how many tags people can buy," Adams said.

The permits are $5 each, and the tree selection is limited to Pinion Junipers checking in under 10 feet tall.

But does the low price compensate for the hours of tree hunting on scabby dirt roads in the freezing cold?

If the hunt is about family time it does.

"Most people just come out and make a family adventure of it," Adams said.

"They get to spend quality time with each other and get a tree that beats the dried-out lot versions that no one likes."

In fact, the family time is the only thing that keeps dragging 34 year-old Matt Church back to the forest year after year.

"Price is definitely not the deciding factor for us," Church said.

"By the time you drive out here, an invest so much time, energy, and money into gas and food and stuff, it would be cheaper to just grab a tree at the local market — but that's not what this is about. This is about feel good fun with the family."

But the aesthetic value of the tree often suffers at the hand of family fun. Church thinks that finding a good looking pre-groomed tree in a store is much easier than searching for a tamable specimen in the wild.

And the stores do offer a decent variety of trees — it just costs a bit more.

Local Christmas tree vendors offer pre-groomed trees starting at $13.99 for the 2 to 4 feet tall selection, and range all the way up to $35.99 for a quality brand 6 footer.

And, although the pre-groomed trees are often a bit drier than their wilderness counterparts, a few precautions can be taken to cut down on the fire hazard of a tree in a home, as well as extending the life of the tree.

"A Christmas tree is just like a flower," said Rite-Aid Store Manager and Christmas tree vendor, Troy Gerber. "You need to cut off the bottom of the trunk a couple of inches up and get it in water right away to keep it healthy — otherwise your tree will dry out and become a fire hazard."

Hot items leave parents reeling

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As any parent knows kids today realize that kids want more than just their two front teeth for Christmas.

From mechanical dogs to talking dolls, presents are what put joy in the holiday season for any child.

While this year's most sought-after items may lack the customer lust of a Tickle-Me-Elmo doll, there is still plenty of product attraction to compel consumers to fork over the almighty dollar.

Topping the Christmas list is the scooter, said Bob Eastin, director of Toys R Us in Orem.

Eastin said scooters are the most popular-selling item in the world currently.

He said the product's success has been generated by its mainstream appeal to not only children, but also to college-aged adults.

Eastin said the Friday following Thanksgiving, the busiest shopping day of the year for many retailers, the Orem store alone sold about 1,000 scooters in one day.

"Without question it's the dominating toy item," he said.

Another hot selling item is the Sony Playstation 2, which is hard to find at Toys R Us, even though the chain receives more than any other retailer, Eastin said.

"It doesn't matter what retail shopping store you're in, you won't likely find the PS2," he said.

The unavailability of items and hustle-bustle of shopping have led many would-be foot shoppers to buy online.

One only need to upload Ebay on the Internet, one of the more popular auctioning sites, to see a world of electronic, Yuletide trading. Some of the posted items are cheaper than market price, while others sell high so that traders can garner a Christmas bonus.

More than finding a bargain, some Internet consumers like the overall convenience of purchasing online.

Jenny Osterberg, a mother of two from Cherryfield, Maine, said Internet shopping has opened new avenues for her since the nearest shopping center is 40 miles away.

However, Osterberg said holiday shoppers should look for assurances delivery will be made before Christmas. She said she made the mistake of purchasing a toy car for her son without such a guarantee Dec. 2 of the previous year.

"Toys R Us didn't notify us the we wouldn't get the order until Jan. 6," She said.

This year she was able to purchase two Razor Scooters on Ebay for less than $140 and a solid guarantee that Saint Nick would deliver the goods on time.

Holiday student drivers cautione

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Slip-n-slide was once a sprinkler game but now with the winter weather it has become a dangerous game of bumper cars.

With the semester ending, students are packing their cars in efforts to head home for the holidays.

Many students leave as soon as they finish their last finals, leaving late in the night to begin a 6-10 hour drive.

Driving with hazardous road conditions and with post-final fatigue.

The National Weather Service urges motorists to check the forecast before traveling.

"Driving in Utah in the winter, requires prior planning or else you can find yourself in an unsafe situation in which even a good driver can not get out of," said William Joslyn, 21 a sophomore from Del Mar, Calif., who has not declared a major.

While driving down I-15, this winter, at the speed of traffic Joslyn's car hit black ice, smashed into the center divider and rolled three times.

"Provo has many people from other states with no winter driving experience. While driving don't just watch yourself but others around you t Joslyn said.

The Web site www.icepack.org gives instruct on safe driving in winter conditions.

- Slow down before reaching an intersection. S left and right for cars and pedestrians. After a s press the accelerator slowly to get moving again
- If the car has a manual transmission, try startin second gear to avoid wheel spin, according to icepack Web site.
- When approaching an icy hill pick a path that allow the most traction. Head for unpacked sno powder where there will be a better grip.
- Build car speed gradually before reaching the and if the vehicle has a switch-on-the-fly four-w drive, shift before the hill, according to the ice Web site.
- Reduce speed before entering an icy curve. sudden acceleration or deceleration while turn could send the car into a skid.
- Controlled speed, smooth steering and braking a help prevent from skidding on an icy turn.
- If wheels lose grip, gradually release the pressu from whichever pedal engaged and smoothly st the car in the desired direction.

The AAA-Motor Club recommends practic slow-speed maneuvers on an empty snow or ice-co ered parking lot to become familiar with the vehicle winter weather operating characteristics.

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Christmas cartoons, movies 'fun to watch'

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Something that takes the mind back to childhood and helps students to remember Christmas like it was when they were kids.

Christmas Cartoons.

From Rudolph and Frosty to The Smurfs and the Grinch, everyone has a favorite.

Heather Whiting, 19, is a freshman from Marysville, Wash., who has not declared a major.

"They're just fun to watch and they're not complicated," said Whiting, "You can just sit back and watch and enjoy them."

Since the season is here and students are getting in the "Christmas Spirit" everyone has an opinion on this crucial topic.

With an overwhelming total, "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" is the favorite cartoon among BYU students. It took a dominating 50 percent of the vote.

"It is just the same thing I remember from years ago. I see it again and enjoy it again," said Ken Shields, 22, a junior from Orem, majoring in computer science.

Coming in a distant second was "A Charlie Brown Christmas" which pulled only 16 percent of the vote, and "Rudolf and Frosty" received less than 10 percent of the votes.

Christmas movies can provide a similar release from daily life and help to put us in the mood of the season.

The race for the favorite Christmas movie at BYU was a little closer.

A Christmas Story with Ralphy, the leg lamp, and the most famous line in any Christmas movie "you'll shoot your eye out kid," came in first place with 38 percent of the vote.

The second, third and fourth spots were a much tighter race.

Jimmy Stewart's "It's a Wonderful Life" came in second with 22 percent, "Miracle on 34th Street" came in third with 20 percent, and "National Lampoons" was fourth with 16 percent of the vote.

"They're all good shows and all classic. You can't help but love watching any one of them," said Matt Bartholomew, 23, a senior from Madesto, Calif., majoring in finance.

Whatever the favorite Christmas movie or cartoon , holiday viewers can find it this year on television or at the video store.

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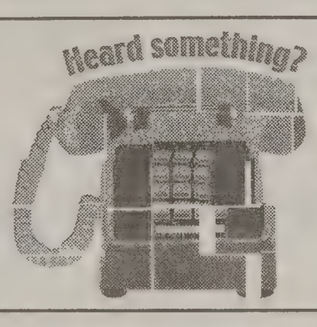

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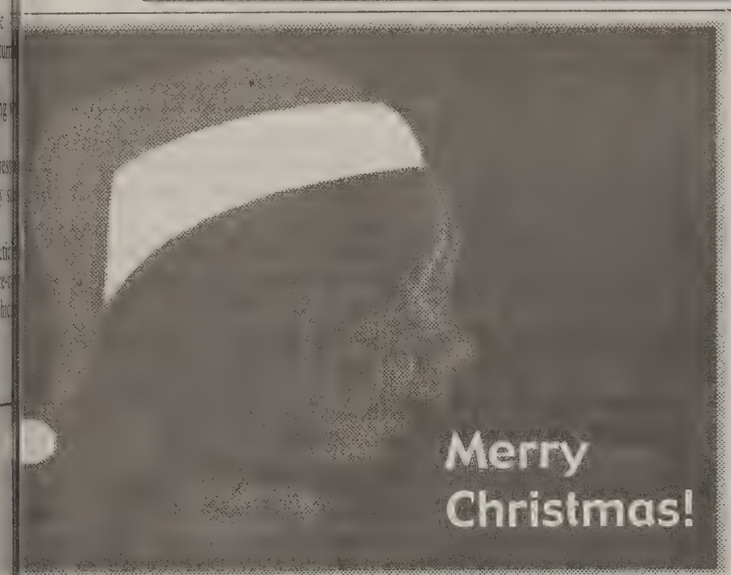

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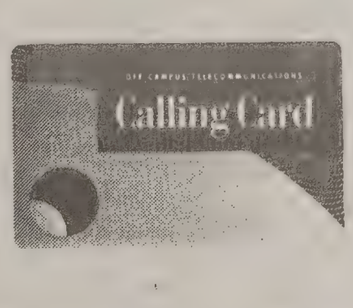

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Christmas around the world: different traditions, same spirit

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From "Joyeux Noel" in French and "Froliche Weihnachten" in German, to "Sung Tan Chuk Ha" in Korean and "Feliz Navidad" in Spanish, "Merry Christmas" is said and celebrated in many ways.

In Japan, Christmas is slightly overlooked by the Japanese New Year Holiday celebrations.

On Christmas Eve in Korea, the youth have a traditional Christmas pageant. Afterwards, from midnight to 5 a.m. they go caroling. When people hear carolers at their homes, they listen and invite the group in for hot drinks and snacks.

Christmas day meal is not a roasted turkey or baked ham in Korea, but a bowl of hot rice cake soup served with kimchi on the side. Kimchi is spicy pickled vegetables, like Chinese style cabbage.

Emily Sonderegger, 24, a senior from Rexburg, Idaho majoring in archeology, served a mission in France.

"They decorate like we do and have lots of little Christmas trees everywhere," Sonderegger said.

A popular Christmas Eve evening tradition is found in a flaky pastry called galette. If a toy is found in the middle of the pastry, that person is crowned "King for the Day" and everyone does what that person says for the rest of the party.

David Pennington, 22, a junior from Riverside, Calif. majoring biochemistry served a mission in Honduras.

"Most Latin American countries have lots of firecrackers like the Fourth of July here," Pennington said.

Pennington said everyone wakes up at midnight to eat a big meal and celebrate.

Keith Smith, 24, a senior from Ontario, Calif. majoring in information systems, served a mission in Argentina. He said some of the favorite Argentine holiday foods are pan dulce (a sweet bread with dried fruit), and cidra (sparkling apple cider).

Aaron Willardson, 24, a senior from Valencia, Calif., majoring in Spanish, said the spirit of Christmas in Guatemala is very similar to the United States.

"During Christmastime, people are more inviting, happier and more willing to sacrifice for others," Willardson said.

But, Christmas in Guatemala is quite different too.

"Not too many people have Christmas trees or put lights up on the house and they don't have a big, extravagant dinner," he said.

Bernadean Rittman, 20, a sophomore from Namibia (a country on the southwest coast of Africa), majoring in political science said the Namibians use fake trees that do not resemble the traditional pine trees; although most of these trees are sprayed white for snow and decorated similarly.

"Even though I had never seen snow growing up, the snow symbolized Christmas to me," Rittman said.

At the stroke of midnight Christmas morning, Rittman's family and others who hold the same tradition, open their presents and Christmas day they sleep in, play and eat a lot, Rittman said.

"It's one of the hottest days of the year," she said.

Because December is summer in Namibia, Rittman said they enjoy lots of melon as well as European desserts, cow tongue, turkey and pork.

Peter Bodmer, 21, a sophomore from Portland, Ore., majoring in business, went to Spain on his mission.

"The whole Christmas is different than how we celebrate it here," Bodmer said.

Bodmer said Spanish people have a large-scale nativity set or creche, which serves as the focus for the Christmas celebration.

Because most Spanish live in apartments and lack a porch or a lawn, they set up the nativity in the entryway of their apartment, Bodmer said.

During Christmastime in Spain, the whole city is covered in lights and on Christmas Eve, fathers can be found out with the kids while women are home cooking the big meal to be eaten at midnight.

Dan Swinton, 22, a junior from Salt Lake City majoring in history, said he enjoyed the outdoor Christmas markets in Germany while he was on his mission.

The Christmas markets attract tons and tons of crowds and have everything imaginable to buy, Swinton said.

Although they give less presents there, the shopping crowds are about the same as they are here," he said.

Although German Christmas celebrations are slowly becoming more commercialized, he said he misses being in a place where Christmas has more tradition and depth.

Americans can trace some of the most treasured holiday traditions to Germany. For example, the widespread popularity of the Christmas tree began in Germany.

It is said that Martin Luther started the tradition by bringing an evergreen tree to the room of his sick daughter.

The hymn "Silent Night," original to Germany as "Stille Nacht," is only sung on Christmas Eve. It now has over 300 language translations.

"They consider it a really sacred song. You know Christmas has come when they sing "Stille Nacht. It's pretty neat," Swinton said.

"Keeping Christmas a li
more subdued from material
gives Christmas the depth th
think is, in some ways, lack
here," Swinton said.

The Christmas tree and gifts
brought out on Christmas Eve
St. Nicholas.

"It's really neat to see the
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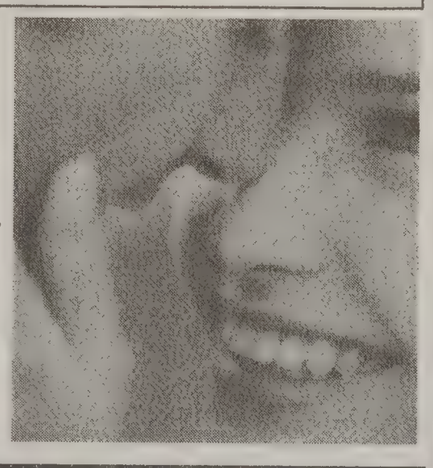

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hristmas focus turns to Christ

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Seuss' tale, "How the Stole Christmas," the hates Christmas. So he to steal the gifts of the holiday, to prevent it ming.

ver, on Christmas morn- stead of the cries of sad ildren, he hears singing. the Grinch realizes that mas came even though ere no presents.

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be Christmas ... perhaps s a little bit more!"

rinch finally understood pose of Christmas is not nder a glittering tree.

rd Draper, professor of t scripture, said people ay more attention to the s of Christmas and over- e main reason to cele-

evergreen tree, the candy the star and even Santa come from pagan tradi- Draper said.

e symbols combine to cre- connection to the holiday , he said. It is a way to te Christmas from every holiday.

der to find the meaning in mas people need to put the ls aside and slow down, said.

real key is taking the time s on Christ," he said.

d Dollahite, associate pro- of marriage, family and human development, said family relationships is one place to find meaning in Christmas.

The Christmas story is a family story, he said.

It is the story of a birth designed to bring families together.

Dollahite said it is not easy to be apart of a family, but at Christmas families go beyond their normal life and work at their relationships.

"Good things happen in families at Christmas," he said.

Dollahite said meaning can be found in Christmas when families understand they are celebrating God's greatest gift to man.

If God's greatest gift to the world is His son, then the greatest gift to a family is children, Dollahite said.

The traditions celebrated at Christmas help to combine families, he said.

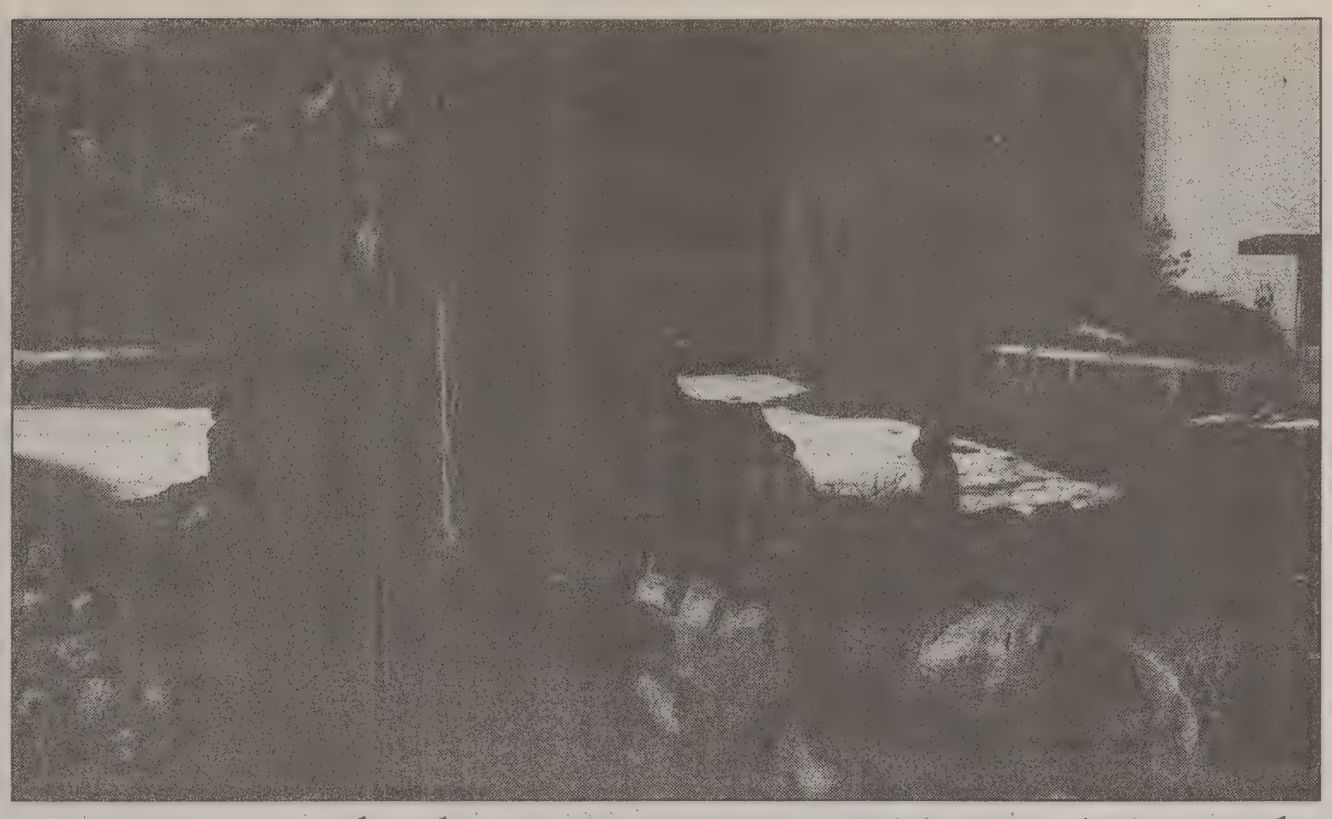
Traditions promote interaction within the family strengthens that unit, Dollahite said.

Traditions bind and unite people, he said. It gives holidays meaning.

Erin Hall, 20, a sophomore from Littleton, Colo., with an open major said she agrees that family traditions are an important way for her to find meaning in Christmas.

Hall said when her father reads the nativity story from an old family Bible and her family sings hymns, she gets into the spirit of the season.

"Family traditions help bring the spirit of the night," she said. "They bring families closer together."



The Nativity scene at Temple Square is improved this year with more life-like figures and a new stable scene.

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Concerts, lights await visitors to Temple Square

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Opportunities to attend musical concerts, see the lights, and do missionary service await December visitors to Temple Square.

Each night there are featured musical performances by community groups, renowned singers and high school symphonies and choruses.

These performances take place in both the Joseph Smith Memorial Building, the Assembly Hall and the Tabernacle.

All performances are free, and scheduled times can be checked out at the Churches Web site lds.org.

A Christmas favorite is the annual Mormon Tabernacle Choir musical presentation, which will take place for the first time this year in the new Conference Center.

Tickets for the Tabernacle Choir and Symphony will be required, but they are free of charge. Tickets are available at the Conference Center ticket office, Tue. — Fri., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Church has asked that visitors to this performance be 8 years of age or older.

And for theater goers, the new theatrical performance, "Savior of the World," will take place at 7:30 p.m., Mon. — Sat., through Dec. 30.

Tickets are $7, and can be obtained from the Conference Center ticket office, or over the phone, at (801)-240-0080.

With either musical performances to enjoy or a stroll through Temple Square and view the lights, it is a great place to bring a date.

Leslie Tait, a BYU graduate, went on her first date with her husband to see the lights and nativity at Temple Square.

Growing up she would visit Temple Square at Christmas time and see couples holding hands, and thought about how she wanted to go there someday with somebody special of her own, Tait said.

The moment came in the fall of 1995 as a freshman at BYU.

Leslie and Steve drove up to Salt Lake to see the lights, and in hopes that the Mormon Tabernacle Choir would be practicing.

The choir was not practicing so they decided to view Mr. Krueger's Christmas in the North Visitor's Center.

"It was a really cheesy movie but there were lots of other couples there and it seemed romantic because we were there together," Tait said. "I remember looking over at Steve and thinking how handsome he was." The rest is history.

The nativity presentation runs every night, from 5 p.m. – 10 p.m., until Jan. 9th. And the Christmas lights will be on in the daytime as well as in the evening during the holiday season.

Non-LDS visitors are welcome, and it is a great opportunity to introduce them to the church, said Sister Hill a Temple Square missionary. Visitors are relaxed and it is easy for them to ask questions.

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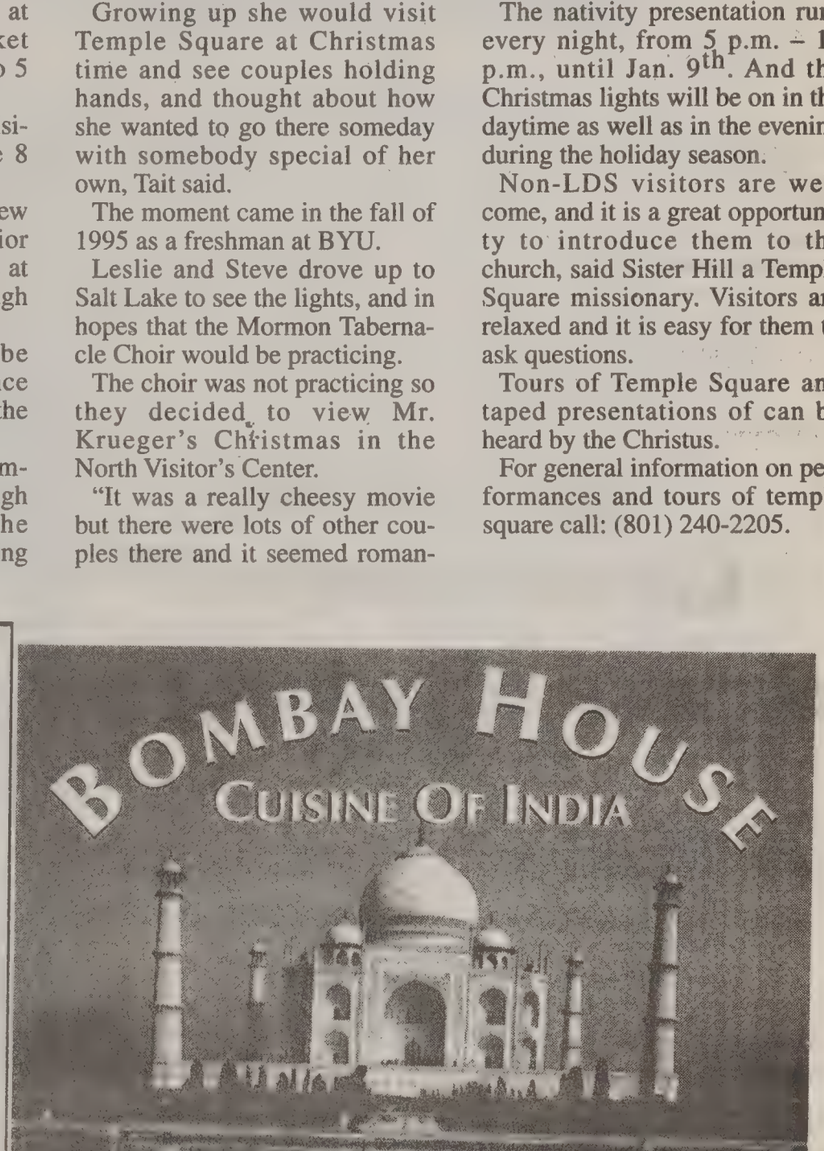

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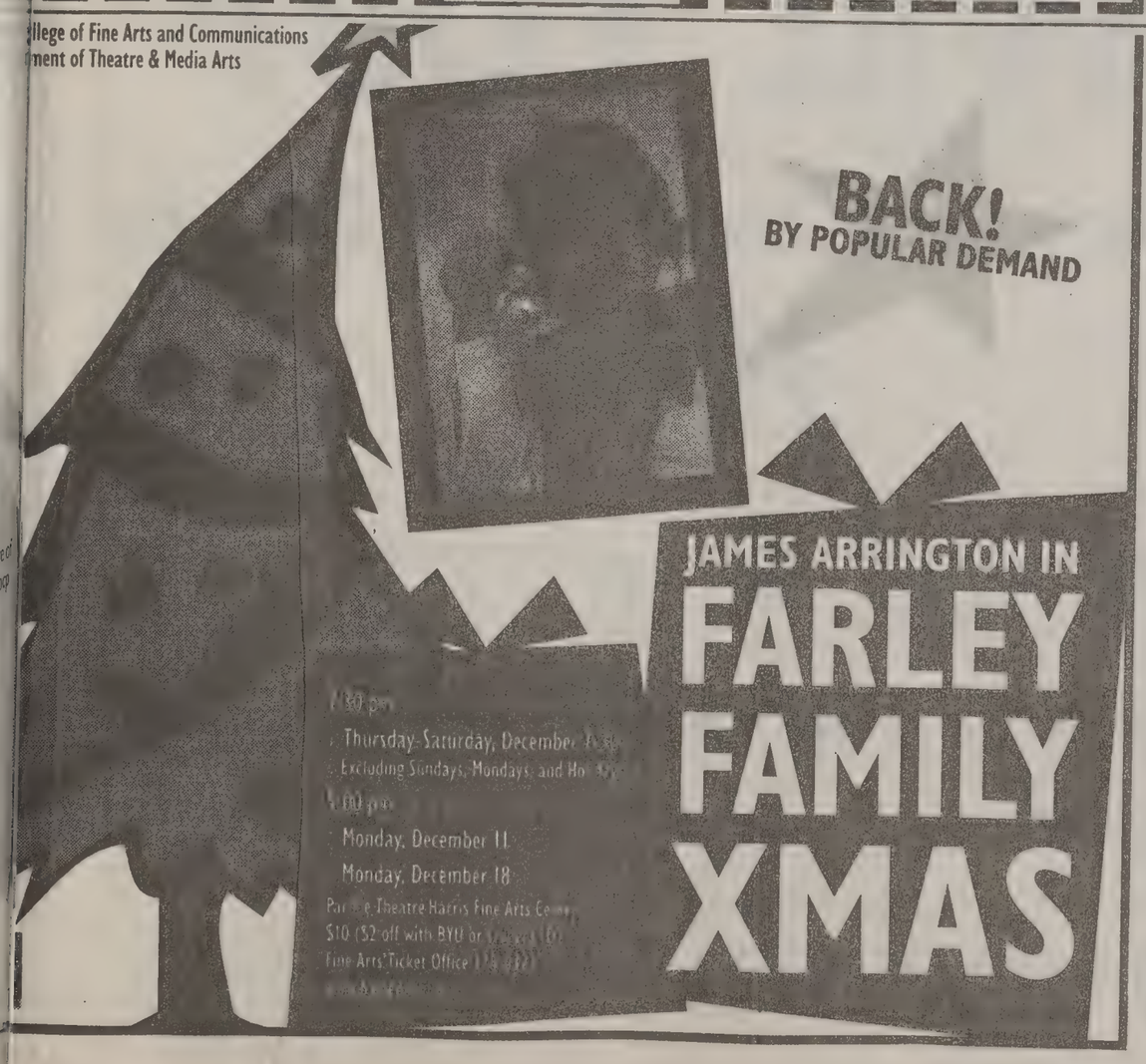

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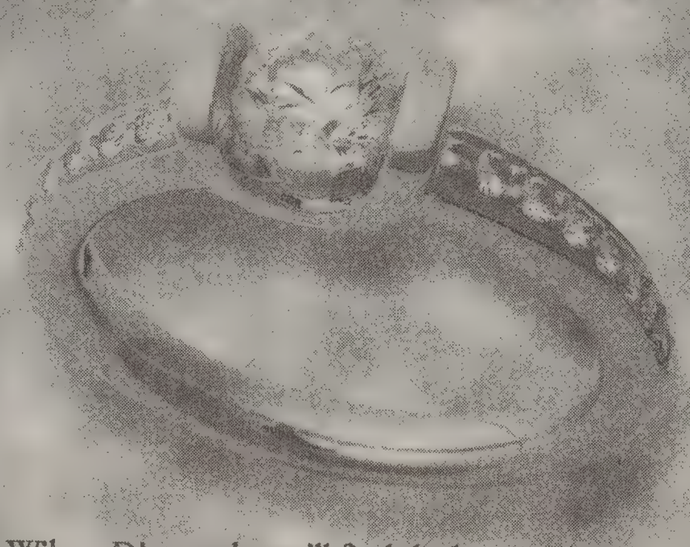

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Provo Tabernacle Park hosts live nativity

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Dan Stone/ Daily Universe

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Volunteers will be reminding Provo of the true meaning of Christmas this weekend with a live reenactment of the Christmas story.

Twenty-seven people, along with a camel and a donkey, will be involved in a free 25-minute performance at the Provo Tabernacle Park, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening.

Members of the Provo South Stake will coordinate and perform the live Nativity for the third consecutive year, said Travis Steward, a counselor in the Provo South stake presidency.

"Three years ago we were approached by the mayor's office to revive the show because the Tabernacle fell within our boundaries," he said.

Over the years the stake has enhanced the show by adding live animals, fencing, straw seating, theater lights and a better sound system, he said.

Even though the presentation has changed through the years, the story remains the same.

The nativity begins with prophecies of Christ's coming and takes the viewer through events surrounding his birth, said Kristina Tyler, a Provo resident, who will be performing as one of the shepherds.

Tyler, who is participating as an actress for the first time this year, said the performance has helped her to internalize the Christmas story.

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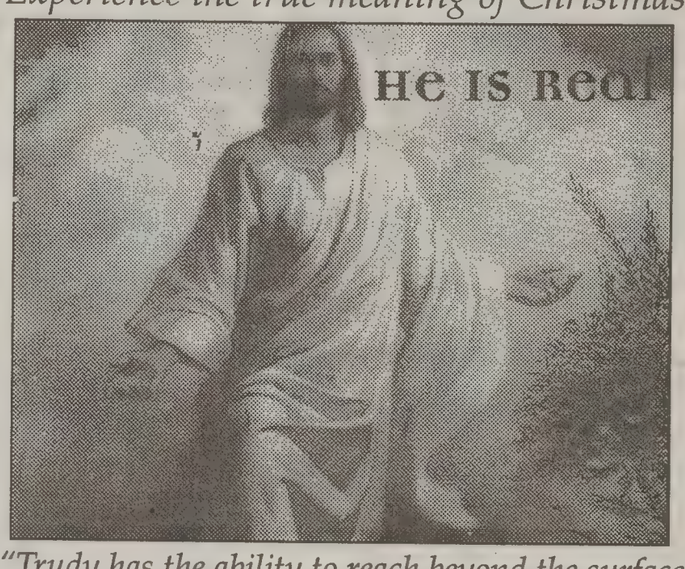

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...ugh their parents promised to donate money to buy more toys, Holly and Sierra did not feel this amount was enough, Mary Lou Weiss said.

She said they asked her if they could make a brochure and go door-to-door in the neighborhood collecting donations.

The first day, the two girls came back with $280 and 10 names of people who had promised to buy a new toy to donate, Mary Lou Weiss said.

"They got excited about it and they decided to keep going," she said.

Mary Lou Weiss said people were generous. One 8-year-old boy gave them almost five dollars out of his own piggy bank to help to help buy toys.

"I was so touched," she said.

Mary Lou Weiss said the girls went to the toy store with her to start buying some toys with the money they had raised.

"Spending that much money on toys isn't easy," she said. "It was four or five pickup truck loads."

Jeanette Guymon, manager of the K. B. Toys where the Weisses went to shop, said the opportunity to help them was an uplifting one.

"It was just so cute," she said. "We don't get something like this very often."

Even though Holly and Sierra have spent hours in toy stores this holiday season, they do not have any personal Christmas wishes.

"We've spent hours in toy stores and not once has either of them said, 'I want one of these,'" Mary Lou Weiss said.

She said Holly and Sierra just want the children at a shelter in Salt Lake City, where the toys will go, to have a great Christmas. The shelter is expecting approximately 80 children for Christmas

People who want to help buy toys for homeless children can contribute money to the Holly and Sierra Homeless Shelter Fund at any Utah Community Credit Union branch.

People can also donate new toys at Candy Cane Corner, which is inside the Jubilee Center at 309 E. 100 South in Salt Lake City.

Weather deceptive of skiing conditions

By Meghan Riding
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NewsNet Staff Writer

The sun has dried up the desire for some skiers to hit the slopes.

Fred Rollins, director of public relations for Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort, said ski conditions are similar to that of mid-season, but people in the valley do not realize that.

With the warmer, sunnier and drier weather in the valley, people don't always think about skiing, he said.

"It's hard to understand that there is snow in the canyons when there is no snow in their yards," Rollins said. "Their minds play tricks on them."

This is the time of the year when ski resorts rely on making snow, but because of the good base, snow makers have not been needed as much, he said.

"We've been fortunate because of the good base, but that won't carry us through the season. We will need more snow," Rollins said. "We're at the mercy of Mother Nature."

Other ski resorts in Utah have been victims of Mother Nature's fickle snowfall.

Dan Malstrom, marketing and sales director for Brighton Ski Resort, said more snow is needed.

"We've had good temperatures at night that help keep the snow good. But we could use more snow, which will hopefully come soon," he said.

Because of the sun in the valley, people are playing golf and missing some great skiing, Malstrom said.

"Seeing new snow will rejuvenate the public and remind people that it is ski season," he said.

Mother Nature is going to grant skiers their wish — the weather is about to change.

"There will be a big change soon. The dry and mild weather will be gone by late Saturday. The cold and wet weather is right around the corner," said Dennis Rodgers, meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Salt Lake City.

The ski industry was blessed with the coldest November on record and an unusual early snowfall, he said.

Although temperatures in December are only slightly above normal, Utah has been extremely dry and lacked snowfall. Ski resorts have not had any new snow to add to the early white layers, Rodgers said.

A cold front is moving in Saturday which should lower temperatures and dump new snow on thirsty ski resorts, he said.

"The cold front coming this weekend will bring an onslaught of cold air and some snow. The most snow usually falls during the transition between weather patterns, so the best shot is Saturday and Sunday for snow," Rodgers said.

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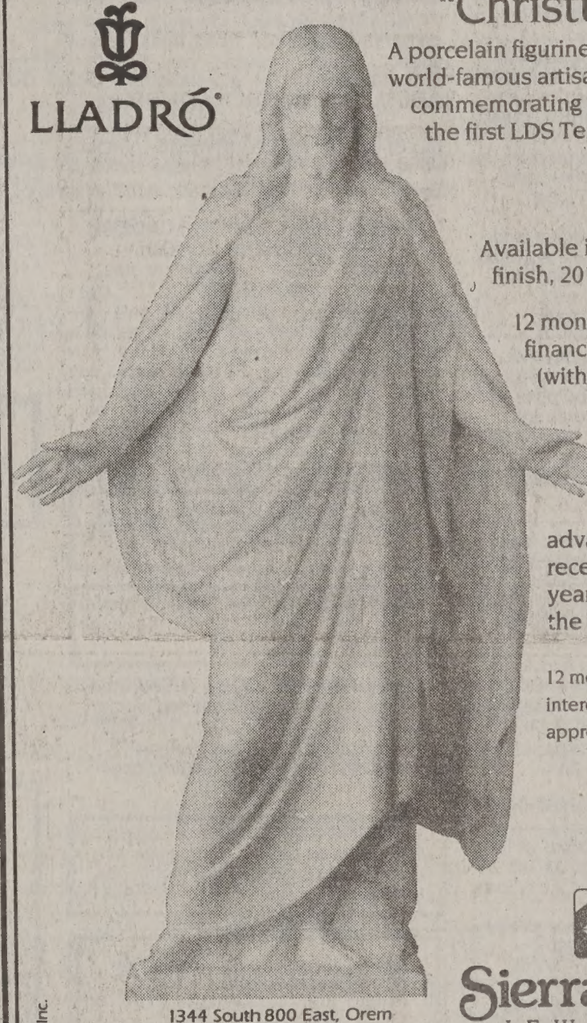

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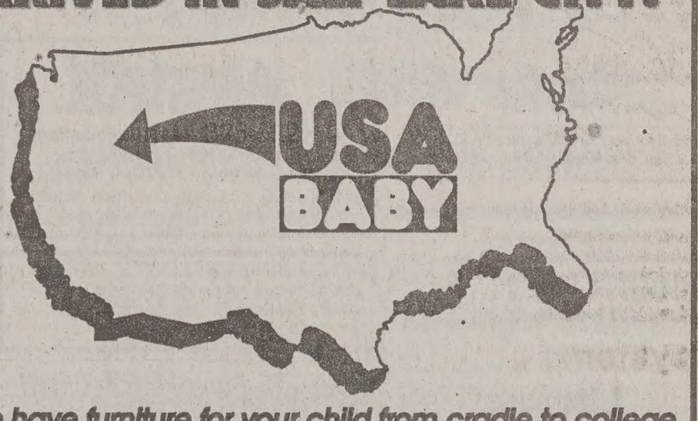

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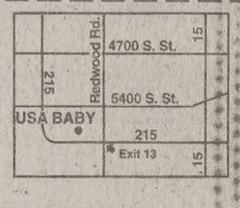

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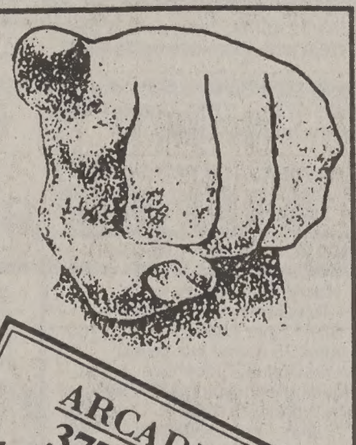

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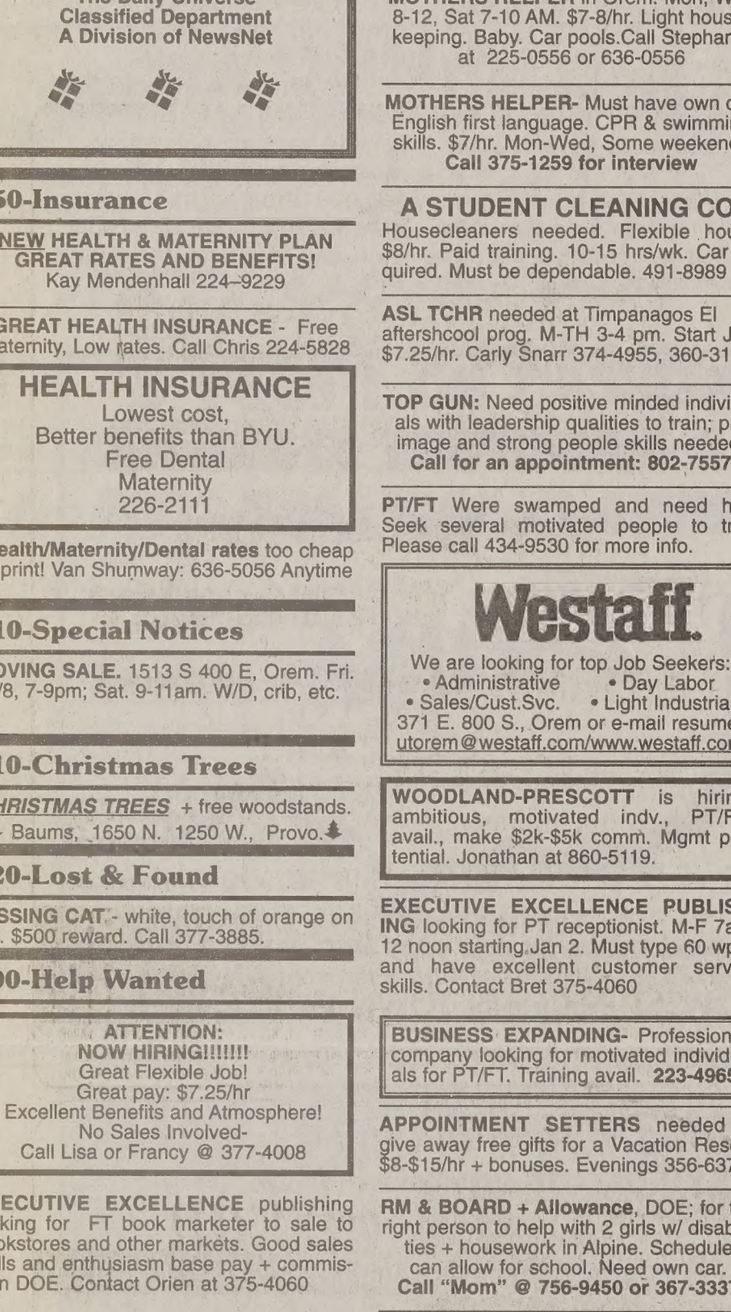
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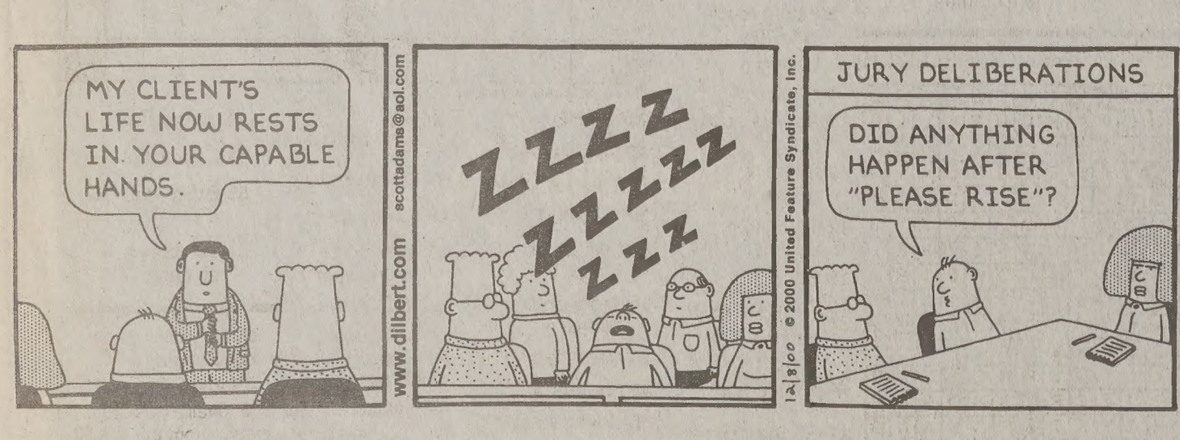
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A Utah Legislature meeting last January. Bills are now coming to them about improving education.

Bills pour in for Legislature

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Plans for the 2001 Utah State Legislative session are already under way.

Legislators were given until Dec. 1 to select up to three bills each for consideration in the session beginning Jan. 15.

The list of 968 proposed bills range from foster care regulation to ice cream and milk dispenser requirements.

House Speaker Marty Stephens, R-Farr West, said it is too early to talk about specific priorities, but education will be at the top of the list.

"Public education will be our No. 1 priority as far as funding is concerned," Stephens said.

The Legislature will meet for 45 days. Limiting the legislators to three bills each helps lighten the load from more than 900 to around 300.

House Republicans will hold a caucus on Dec. 19 to formally determine legislative priorities.

House Majority Leader Kevin Garn, R-Layton, said he hopes the Legislature will consider all areas of education.

"Higher education was largely ignored by the Legislature last year. We will remedy that this year," he said.

The Legislature will discuss several higher education initiatives, such as the Engineering and Computer Science Initiative proposed by Gov. Mike Leavitt, he said.

Utah Education Association President Phyllis Sorensen said the UEA would continue to work with the Legislature for a long-term education plan.

"We see a great opportunity, with 25 percent of the Legislature being new, to educate the new legislators," she said.

The UEA has high hopes for Leavitt's budget proposal, Sorensen said.

Leavitt will announce his plans for public education Dec. 11, according to the governor's Web site, www.governor.state.ut.us.

"We will see how much the governor is willing to spend, his vision for the future of education in Utah and if the Legislature will support it," Sorenson said. "They are often two different things. We hope they will work together."

The governor began making a series of budget announcements Thursday, when he announced the budget for nuclear waste.

He will continue to make budget announcements through Dec. 14.

Web sites sprout up to serve missionaries

By Krystal Baker
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E-mails, cookie care packages and even warm cinnamon rolls can be sent to elders or sisters preparing to serve. But not many options exist to service missionaries who are already out in the field.

A new service provided by Called2Serve.com, could help missionaries across the globe receive Christmas letters faster.

Called2Serve.com was developed in May 1999 and has since printed and sent 100,000 letters to missionaries in training, said Jeff Allen, president of the company.

Now, just in time for the holidays, Called2Serve.com has launched a new Web site, www.pouchmail.com, where families and friends of missionaries for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints can purchase e-mail accounts.

E-mails sent through the site are printed and mailed through the church's pouch system, Allen said.

Pouch mail is a mail forwarding system provided by the LDS Church for those in hard to reach areas.

Tamara Tanner, 24, a senior from American Fork, majoring in humanities, served a mission in Bacolod, Philippines.

"The pouch was always the best way to go — it was the most reliable, and was faster," she said.

She feels the new service offered by Called2Serve.com would be beneficial.

"Basically everyone wants to get news fast," she said.

Chad Jenks, 22, a sophomore from Moses Lake, Wash., majoring in international studies, served a mission in Chihuahua, Mexico. He said his mission does not need the new pouch service.

Mail addressed to missionaries in Chihuahua was sent directly to El Paso then brought across the border, Jenks said.

"We would get our mail within three days of the postmark, so that is faster than any pouch service would be," he said.

Finals mean sleepless nights

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> "Last spring during finals week, I slept 20 hours in seven days."
>
> — Kristina Roggio, BYU junior

As familiar to finals as Santa Claus is to Christmas are the sleeping bodies that pepper the tables of the Harold B. Lee Library.

According to a National Sleep Foundation (NSF) poll, 55 percent of Americans ages 18 to 29 report "waking up feeling unrefreshed." And 33 percent suffer from daytime sleepiness — comparable to shift workers, recognized sufferers of sleep disorders.

The NSF also stated, "One out of two younger adults say that they will sleep less in order to get more done."

The NSF poll also showed many younger adults use the extra sleepless hours to watch television or use the Internet.

These sleepless nights and sleepy days affect performance at school and work, according to the NSF. Inadequate sleep makes morning rituals difficult and contributes to tardiness and drowsiness.

Kristina Roggio, a junior studying English, said, "Last spring during finals week, I slept 20 hours in seven days."

Roggio noted that, "Everything became a major trial; if you said my name slightly wrong I'd cry."

Chelsey Penrod, a senior studying English, from Rexburg, Idaho. Penrod estimates she has slept three and a half hours over the past few days as compared to her usual seven hours of sleep nightly.

"Everybody at work today thought that I was sick," Penrod said. "They kept saying, 'You don't look so good.'"

Angela de Hoyos, a senior from Orem, majoring in interior design, thinks her eight to nine hours of sleep are important enough to sacrifice for.

"I quit work at the beginning of the semester and when it is time to sleep, I put everything away," de Hoyos said.

"It affects my school performance positively," de Hoyos said. "I can stay awake and attentive."

But education is not the only area to suffer; drowsiness has adverse and dangerous effects on driving performance.

The NSF poll stated 60 percent of the young Americans questioned had driven drowsy and 24 percent had fallen asleep at the wheel.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) identified drowsiness as the cause of 100,000 reported crashes killing 1,500 Americans in 1994.

According to the NHTSA, approximately half of these "fall-asleep crashes" involved drivers under age 25.

"It happened to my brother," said R.J. Harris, a junior studying math education, from Las Vegas, Nev.

"It was broad daylight, and he just fell asleep at the wheel," Harris recalled. The 20-year old driver was not injured, but the car was damaged.

The NSF published several suggestions for alleviating sleepiness in young adults.

- Learn the needs and limitations of your body and then meet them. Insufficient sleep can cause depression, irritability and anger.
- Establish regular bedtimes and maintain them. In addition, wake up at a consistent time and get directly into bright light.
- After lunch, avoid stimulants or substances that may disrupt sleep patterns.
- Don't do heavy reading or studying within an hour of going to bed — use that time to relax.
- Relieve study stress by studying with a friend or group. But if meeting after school, leave time for a nap.

The NSF reminded students, "Remember, the best thing you can do to prepare for a test is to get plenty of sleep."

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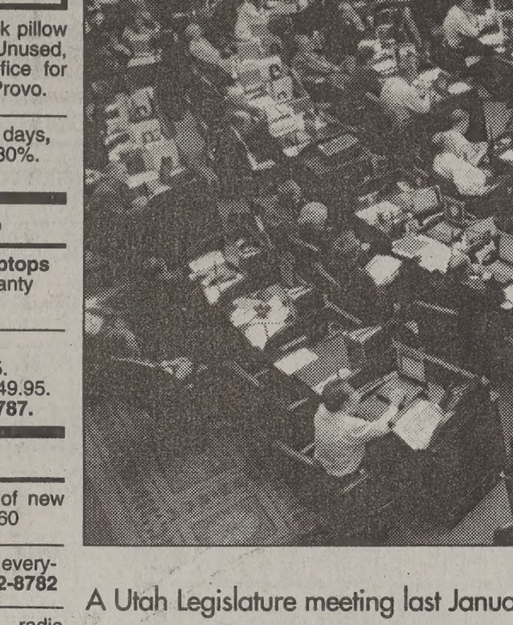

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7 Burn applications
13 Water bed
14 Brother of Cassandra
16 Order in the court
18 Mr. ___ (soft drink brand)
19 Kind of economics
20 Brandy designation
21 Like Bruckner's Symphony No. 7
22 Upright monumental stone
23 One who studied "at the feet of Gamaliel"
24 "Orfeo" composer Luigi
26 ___-Cat
27 Living doll
28 Certain medical student
30 Pieces of eight?
32 Cargo liner for hire
34 Compliment at a dress shop
37 Having a laugh
41 Like some stock
42 Helmsman's heading
44 Prefix with centric
45 Spoils
46 Confutes
48 Dig in
49 "Livin' Thing" rock grp.
50 Obi fabrics
51 Tempo
52 Merely support
55 Helmsman
56 Like some jugs
57 In an irritable way
58 Concave

DOWN

1 Occasion at Stonehenge
2 Least feeling
3 Life's partner
4 "___ Girl Like You Loved a Boy Like Me"
5 Be of use
6 Fitting room activities
7 Bookish
8 Hot blood
9 Apple's apple, e.g.
10 Animation
11 Better
12 Dress for summer
13 Hope
15 Some scarves
17 Person in a street interview
22 Something to reflect on
23 Engine sound: Var.
25 Attacks
27 Villainies
29 Thumbs down
31 "Gotcha!"
33 Like some funds
34 Arms on big bodies?
35 Not in time
36 Scared off
38 Cover a point?
39 Put on stage
40 Act grandfatherly to
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46 Tower site
47 Writing by Montaigne
50 It's a wrap
51 Direction
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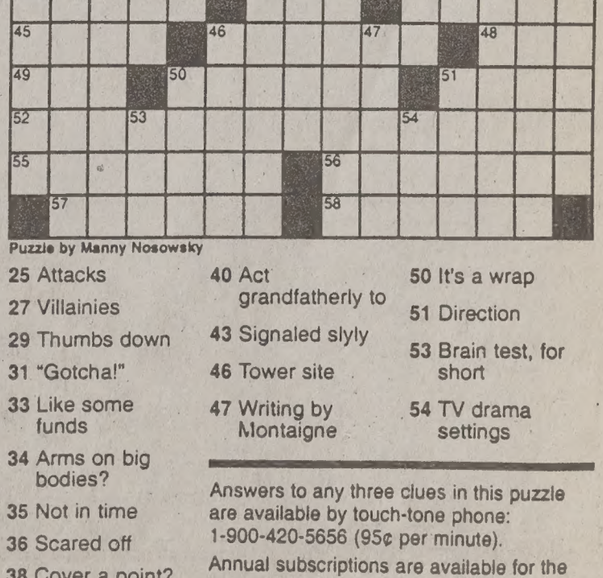
54 TV drama settings



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4,300 sex offenders' information added to Utah online database

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Department of Corrections updated its sex offender database Thursday, adding information on 4,300 offenders to the online database.

The database includes photos, addresses, birth dates, aliases, current vehicles and sex offense convictions on men and women convicted of anything from misdemeanor lewdness to first-degree felony rape.

Within the next month, Corrections officials expect to add details of the offender's method of operation.

"What it's designed for is merely information so that the public can access it more easily," said Jesse Gallegos, Corrections director of community relations. "Prior to it being on the Web site, people were calling the department. It just makes it much easier."

Utah law requires sex offenders to be listed on the database for 10 years after the end of their sentences. In August, the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the Legislature's 1998 amendments that made registry retroactive, adding those who completed their sentences and probation prior to July 1998.

Since the court's ruling, Corrections officials had worked furiously to update the Web site with information on all of Utah's sex offenders. Prior to the ruling, just 400-plus sex offenders were on the registry.

"We have had 17 people sitting over computer terminals entering data, and we have had as many as 200 Adult Probation and Parole agents out looking for offenders who've refused to apply," said Corrections spokesman Jack Ford. "There's 300 or 400 that we still haven't got full pictures on."

Offenders who refuse to update their information could be charged with a class A misdemeanor or, at the very least, a parole violation, Gallegos said.

Corrections officials plan to update the registry at least twice a week.

But Ford said his office has been inundated with calls from groups like the American Civil Liberties Union and family members of offenders who are upset offender information is so easily available.

Some prisoner rights' groups have complained the registry will hinder offenders who are trying to move on with their lives.

"I had one woman call me who said she didn't even know her husband was a sex offender," Ford said.

Corrections officials acknowledge such registries in other states have been used to harass sex offenders. Utah's site warns anyone harassing offenders may be violating Utah law.

Ford said a separate database listing all convicted criminals in Utah, their crimes and release dates should be up and running sometime after the new year.

Charities upbeat about gifts this year

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The markets are erratic, and the economy is slowing but America's charities say donors are maintaining and even exceeding the pace of last year's record-setting generosity.

"As of now, our responses are up to expectations," said John Shima, development director for Catholic Charities of New York. "We're keeping our fingers crossed."

Shima's organization raised more than $18 million in the last fiscal year and is on track to equal or surpass that performance.

Last year, according to the Trust for Philanthropy, charitable giving in the United States surpassed $190 billion for the first time. Contributions were up from individuals, corporations and foundations.

Many wealthy donors have been amassing investment gains over several years, said Eugene Tempel, executive director of the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University. These donors are likely to feel generous even if some holdings dip. He said the increased use of electronic stock transfers has benefited charities, making online donations quick and efficient.

Some charities are lagging behind last year, but in one notable case there is an upbeat reason for the drop. The American Red Cross has collected only $11.3 million so far this year for its disaster-relief fund, compared with $56 million at this time last year.

Red Cross officials noted the organization responded to three major catastrophes in 1999 — the Turkish earthquake, Hurricane Floyd and the Kosovo refugee crisis. This year, they said, there have been no comparable catastrophes and, for the first time in several years, no hurricane hit the U.S. coast.

"We don't want to give the impression that Red Cross doesn't need your gifts this year," said spokesman Chris Paladino. "We're responding to disasters everyday — whether it's a wildfire in the West or a house fire in Paterson, N.J. They just don't make the front page."

On the West Coast, some charities attribute a dip in donations to the shakeout in the high-tech and Internet sectors.

"Some dot-com donors have taken some real hits, but they're still being real generous," said Jack Shakely, president of the California Community Foundation. "Most West Coast nonprofits are probably down 5 or 10 percent."

Computer networking giant Cisco Systems Inc. is one of the high-tech companies whose stocks have dropped this year. But executives said Cisco plans to expand corporate giving in 2001, and employees at its San Jose, Calif., headquarters have increased donations to the Food Bank Second Harvest from $1.3 million last year to $1.5 million this year.

"We're here for the long haul, and the charitable programs we design have to have that long-term view," said Matt James, a Cisco spokesman.

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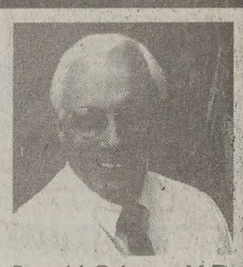
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